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Old Things are New Again

For many years MMM Australia operated 'Missions Awareness Tours' to various locations around Australia. Ivan and Lynette Gregory also hosted Tours to Zambia as a means of supporting the work in Zambia and encouraging people on to Missions. All of these operations were highly successful at inspiring people to the work of Missions, and to the work of MMM.



Early this year we reinvented the Missions Awareness Tour concept in planning a programme of MAT's to Thailand to see firsthand what God has been doing through MMM in Northern Thailand. When the message went out eight people put their hand up to be on the first MAT to Thailand, and after much planning, prayer, and discussions, the Team headed off on November 11th for an adventure that would change lives.

The team consisted of *(from Victoria)* CEO Terrence Baxter *(tour host)*, Dale Richardson, Mary Jones, Owen & Jane Bayliss, Steve & Lynda Hart, and *(from Western Australia)* Hank & Helen Van Der Steen. We visited five mission partners where MMM has assisted, a local university, the MMM Thailand property, a local Thai Church for their Sunday service, a local Lahu church where we completed a 4 day project, and some key tourist locations in Northern Thailand.



Lahu Church Completed

Feedback from the team on their experience has been nothing but excitement and positive. To quote MAT Team member Owen Bayliss *"I encourage anybody that is ever thinking of going on a Tour with MMM to do it!"*

MMM CEO Terrence Baxter, commented that *"We are planning on at least one (and possibly two) Thailand MAT's each year. It has been such a rewarding experience for everyone and especially for our Thai Team who just loved having an Australian team visit and work on a local project."*

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Project Opportunities

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

NW-19-882	NSW	Mt Victoria. Lutanda Campsite. Painting inside and out.	Team required
27 Jan - 7 Feb			
NW-18-856	NSW	Inverell. Painting outside of Church and sundry construction.	Team required
17-28 Feb			
NW-19-790	NSW	Glen Innes. Painting exterior of the Church.	Team required
17-28 Feb			
NW-19-894	NSW	Blacktown. Painting exterior of the Church	Painting Team
16-27 March			
NW-19-886	NSW	Tenterfield. Painting the Sanctuary.	Team required
30 March - 9 April			
NW-19-871	NSW	Wingham. Install toilets and painting exterior	Team required
18-19 May			
TS-18-839	TAS	GLO Ministries—Our very own version of 'The Block', join a team to do up the best bedroom	Van parking & accomm. available
27-31 Jan			
TS-19-897	TAS	St James Presbyterian, Stanley, needs weatherboards replacing and a 'good lick' of paint all over.	Van parking & accomm. available
17-21 Feb			
TS-19-909	TAS	YWAM, Sorell, Creating more accommodation space for students. Repair and maintenance work	Van parking with a view available
16-20 March			
TS-19-967	TAS	East Bible Chapel, Devonport. Painting.	Van parking & accomm. available
April TBA			
VC-19-	VIC	Lighthouse Church, Morwell.	Team required
3-14 Feb			
SA-19-935	SA	Aldgate Church of Christ. Repair and paint exterior.	Team required
Starts 4 May			

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Variety is the Spice of Life



Our last few projects have been very interesting. Cobram Community Church (*Victoria*) had a main hall needing a stage. It was a very small team who travelled all that way to build it. Les Schwebel has been involved in this project for 3 years. He led a team of 3.....himself, Roeloff Oosterveen and Paul Barnham and with some help from Brian Archer they got to work

and created a great purpose built stage area. They were also very encouraged by the evident growth in the church.



The project at Attunga saw the timely construction of the new hall progress with our MMM volunteers braving the snow and inclement weather. Our men could be seen erecting trusses and refurbishing 2 units and bathrooms. See the great photos of both these projects.

Katoomba was the last port of call for 2019. More unusual construction with the fire proofing of 4 units at the CMS centre. At the KCC conference centre, a team of 18 completed an extraordinary 1031 hours of work! We were in the catastrophic fire conditions and even had our vans hooked up "just in case".

NSW completed 14 projects this year. Six were mainly painting and the others ranged from erecting a suspended ceiling to installing new kitchens and bathrooms.

Praise God for the dedicated Tradies in our midst. We need more! Can you help??





Safari Team Leave Their Footprints in WA

From Coolgardie the Safari Team headed northwest to Wandalgu Mission, 130 kms east of Geraldton, the task to renovate a large kitchen area to replace several kitchens being used by residents. This project would not only reduce running costs at Wandalgu but also provide a common meeting place for residents and staff to build on relationships. *"Each time MMM Volunteers come they accomplish so much, they have enabled us to grow our mission and reach out to even more people who are struggling with life. We are now able to offer more programs. Thank you for partnering with us in this ministry".* (Dave Tinker, Wandalgu Mission)



Next project, Camp Wattle Grove, Perth, a very popular Christian venue for conventions and camps. An old accommodation hut needed to be renovated and the Safari Team got in with hammers, saws and paintbrushes – scraping down walls and doorways, fixing windows and doors and then painting all the interior. The result was outstanding and the hut looks new waiting to welcome its next lot of visitors to Camp Wattle Grove. During the teams stay they were treat-

ed to a fully catered 3 course meal and concert by a visiting musical group. During that night Carl Carmody (Board Member, Camp Wattle Grove) said *"MMM, you have fast forwarded our maintenance program by 12 months, thank you, we have enjoyed you fellowship and encouragement, with a small Team of Volunteers so much has been achieved in such a short time"*

Whilst in Perth the Safari Team visited the MMM Centre where they had a night of food, fun and fellowship. *"Each Safari Team Volunteer has a special place in the hearts of the MMM Regional Committee, they were a great example of what can be achieved as they worked together using their skills to do a practicable work. They sure have left a mark and their presence at each Project was one of great encouragement and enthusiasm. They took a journey that covered up to 13,000kms, and 3 months away from family just to "serve those who serve", A Big Thank You, you have blessed so many."* Trevor Beard (MMM WA)

The last Project of the Caravan Safari was at Teen Challenge Esperance, maintenance jobs had overcome the Manager of the property so again the Team were there to assist and encourage. Sadly the Team then left the shores of WA and began the journey home, but planning has already begun for their return in 2021.





Projects and People 2019

Throughout 2019 Queensland has had a variety of projects to complete, ranging from a bathroom installation, repairing and painting playground equipment, painting interiors, painting exteriors, replacing steps, putting windows, replacing timber boards and various small jobs with carpentry and maintenance. It is said that variety is the spice of life and it has been the Queensland's team experience this year. The buildings that have had a make over have varied also from well kept to well neglected! The transformation from the first day onsite to the last, is often quite significant and brings joy from the organisations' members and satisfaction of a job well done from the MMM team.

This year we have been able to complete many projects with the committed and skilled team that have joined in to help and we are grateful for the southerners who scamper to warmer climes in winter to help, with our local team. We are thankful for all of you and love reconnecting with many friends we have made through the years of serving together in MMM in all kinds of places and for many different organisations.



Wandoan Church



Tara Community Church

For the last TeamNews for 2019, here are a few photos of places we've been and some of the people who have helped to get the projects done. Thank you for praying for us through the year, helping with events, activities and projects and for your financial support. We hope you enjoy a blessed Christmas season with friends and family.



Ian Story



Team at Tara



Work Ute



Biggenden Team



What a Year This Has Been

As I look back on this past year, I am humbled when I consider what has taken place, and what has been achieved.

The amount of work completed, throughout Victoria and South Australia was huge, and at times difficult. As a team we held a training day with Ian Dawson (*MMM National Work Health and Safety co-ordinator*), worked at Thorpedale Wesleyan Methodist Church, Sandringham Baptist Church, Numurkah Church of Christ, went to Belgrave Heights Men's Convention and presented at Robinvale Church of Christ. Then the fun began with the Wildflower Safari across to Western Australia. We worked at Ararat Church of Christ, Ararat Presbyterian Church, Mundulla Church of Christ, Sherlock Baptist Church, Peake Baptist Church, Wasleys - (*a mission house*), and finally to Port Augusta Open Brethren Assembly.

From there, the Safari spent a relaxed time getting across the Nullarbor to meet up with our Western Australia team in Coolgardie, and onwards. I feel worn out just remembering. And to top it all off, Gill Williams said yes and we got married in November. Nice way to finish.

As we come to this special time of year, as always, may I thank everyone for your outstanding support and hard work. This year I seen a lot of sickness come my way, and thankfully some special people stepped in to help me write reports and the last TeamNews article to each one - (*you know who you are*), thank you so very much. We have a great crew! Some like demolition, some like to build, and some, well they just like. To our Victoria/South Australia crew, I say we are blessed. We are blessed to know you, blessed to work alongside you, as we work together for Jesus in blessing others on their ministry front line.

Save the date for our 2020 dinners: Saturday 21 March in Victoria and Saturday 2 May in South Australia.

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A Servant's Heart

During our recent painting project at Gateway Baptist Church in Launceston, one of the congregation thanked me for "my servant's heart". I was really struck by her comment, especially since she had just provided us with a sumptuous morning tea and a delicious lunch which she

had served to us and cleaned up after us while all we'd done was sit and eat, happily. She was serving us just as much as we were serving her but using different skills and talents which somehow, in her eyes, made our service greater. But weren't we all simply doing what Christ has called us to do? *"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."* 1 Peter 4:10. Neither service was greater than the other but all a part of how we should be living on a daily basis. And it wasn't a hardship to serve either. Like so many other projects before, being a part of the team is a joy. Work isn't work but just an activity that we're doing together while we have a chat and a laugh, even if the activity is painting!!



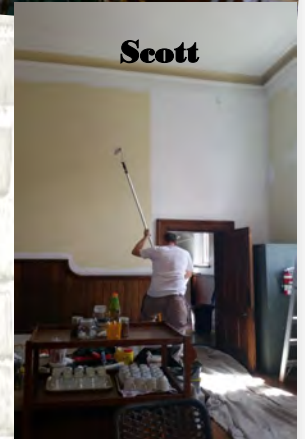
Marc



Gateway



Kim



Scott



Trevallyn

The team has continued to serve during the last couple of months at the House of Prayer Bible Fellowship International by improving their facilities for everyday use. They've also started work at Trevallyn Life Church converting the crèche into an accessible toilet. We supported the work of Covenant Ministries at the end of November by catering for their two day conference. Again, we were thanked for our servant's hearts as we chopped and sliced, mixed and iced, morning teas and lunches for 75 people. And once more, I considered that we were doing no more than the basics asked of us by our Lord who set us the example of being a servant to all. Again, it was a joy to work together to serve others.



Halfway

We've all been given different skills and talents; the important thing is that we are using what we've been given to His glory. As we head into summer, there will be plenty of opportunity to serve the Lord and serve others in Tassie using a variety of skills on a number of projects. We look forward to "working" together to 'serve those who serve'.

MAT Team Visits Chiang Rai

We can only say how awesome it was to have the first MMM Australia Missions Awareness Tour team here in November. God is doing so much here in Thailand it's hard to explain everything, but the MAT Team experienced some of what is happening.

One exciting thing to report is that while the team were here we prayed for the purchase of the land to be finalised, and the next day we were told by the Chiang Rai Land Office that it was all ready to be signed. It was all completed when the team was here – *they were almost as excited as we are!*

Here are some images from their time here .



Praying daily is the most important thing you can do.!

NSW	Prayer for more tradesmen to join in NSW.
WA	Gives thanks for the work projects that have been completed in 2019 and pray that all our MMM Volunteers will be able to take a rest over the Christmas break before returning to serve in 2020.
VIC	Praise God for the bringing together of people from all walks of life to bless others.
TAS	We praise God for the number of requests that we've had from churches that have not had previous contact with MMM.
NSW	Pray for wisdom to know what fundraising events we should hold in 2020.
THAI	Pray for the planning and development of the MMM Centre in Thailand on our new land.
WA	Give thanks for the number of people and churches who have made a financial contribution to the ministry of MMM which helps us continue to 'serve those who serve'.
VIC	Praise God for the Dinner Donations given. Our God is an awesome God and will never fail us.
NSW	Praise for the new leaders who have stepped up for 2020.
TAS	We praise God for the people He brings along every time at the right time to complete the project.
THAI	Pray for donations to meet the cost of the MMM Centre building project.
QLD	Pray for John and Anne Cooper as they return from long service leave.
WA	MMM Regional Committee is looking for additional people to join them in this role. Pray for those who may be prompted to take up the challenge.
VIC	Pray for Geoff & Gill as they settle down to life as a married couple. Continue to pray for their health and wellbeing.
NSW	Praise for the faithful service of Phil and Gwen Hall for 12 years full time.
VIC	Pray for the planning of projects in 2020, and pray for more team members and team leaders.
TAS	Please continue to pray for volunteers to commit to the many projects coming up over the summer months.
THAI	Praise God for the completion of the land purchase.
QLD NT	Pray for those planning the Top End Safari to Northern Territory and far north Western Australia to be held May –August 2020.



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Sausage Sizzles

SAT 21st Mar (mark your diary)

Buy a sausage and drink, have a chat
or help out

Cnr Ranford and Wright Rds
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If you have a few hours to Cook or Serve
Contact Trevor 0488 399 238
or Karen 0419 197 695

MMM Head Office Prayer Meeting

Held 3rd Wednesday of every month
(February—November)

At MMM Head Office

5 /621 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, VIC

12:00 Lunch

(please bring a plate of food to share)

1:00 –2:00 pm Prayer



MMM (WA) Prayer Meeting

"Not Everything that Weighs you Down

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Held 2nd Wed every month

7.30pm start

at the MMMWA Centre

33 Furley Rd, Southern River

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for the needs of the ministry

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SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2020

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Introductions

I'm SO excited to be stepping into the role of National Prayer Co-ordinator for MMM Australia and thrilled to be back with the MMM family. Many of you will remember me in my role as Terry Baxter's Personal Assistant, a position I served in for 3 years. It's such a blessing to be able to serve God in this new capacity and to reconnect with old friends and meet our new members as well. I am passionate about prayer and know I do not stand alone in this role. Together we are called to pray and seek God and together God hears our prayers, as it says in Matthew 18:20 *"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."*

As we come into the season of celebrating the precious birth of our Saviour, I pray for each and every one of you that God will refresh you and grant you rest. I encourage you to take time to rest in God and reflect on the year that has passed.

I leave you with this beautiful blessing Aaron prayed over the Israelites:

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

Blessings

Robyn Fedrick

National Prayer Coordinator

National Day of Prayer

On October 27th we had a National Day of Prayer for MMM Australia. Over 35 churches joined us and prayed for MMM in their Sunday church service. We also had many people register to commit to pray for MMM on the day. It was wonderful to see so many people come together all over Australia to pray into the work God has for us to do. Terry, Rachel, myself and some of the MAT team for the recent Thailand trip, were blessed to be prayed for by our home church and we were encouraged by the support shown to us and MMM Australia. A big thank-you to everyone who joined us in prayer, each voice is so incredibly valuable to us and God hears all our prayers, as it says in James 5:16 *"...The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective"*.

MMM South Africa

Prayer Request

Please be praying for the Eichstadts after a difficult year and many personal challenges. Let's lift them up in prayer together, praying for God's protection and grace to enable them to do all God has for them in 2020.

"Mariè and I would like to thank all of you for the prayers, support and partnership with us in many ways as we do the work we do. It sometimes does not always feel like regularly faith based work but we both know that we are making a difference in what we do each day in many and varied ways get to show and demonstrate the love of God to those whom we come into contact with."

As we again come to the time of year where we celebrate the birth of Jesus I pray that we will always remember that love wins, love costs and sometimes understanding demonstrated love takes a long time.

May you all know and understand the love of God for us and the world at this very special time of the year.

Regards, Noel and Marie"