Devotional

God is Our Hope

Romans 15:13 " May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit".

As we finish one year and start another, people often take stock. Thinking about the year they have had, some remember success some ponder the regrets. Every year people make New Year resolutions, often only to have them fail within a couple of weeks of making them. Why is that? Because although these are made with good intentions often we simply lack the discipline or the fortitude to carry them through. Something comes up, something distracts us, some were unrealistic in the first place, leaving us feeling a failure or despondent with ourselves because of our lack. But mostly these fail because they are decided upon and carried out in our own strength.

So rather than make new year resolutions depending on my own will power, I would rather put my efforts and energy in the Word of God that gives me hope in all circumstances. His Word, that helps me overcome whatever issue I may feel requires a new year resolution to "fix" it. God's Word in the scripture above says "He will fill me with all joy and peace as I trust in Him, so that I may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit".

Here are a few things the Word has to say about who we are in Him; I am a conqueror *Rom 8:37*, I am a child of God *Gal 3:26*, I am complete *Col 2:10*, I have eternal life *John 10:28*, I have faith *Rom 12:3*, I am forgiven *I John 2:12*, I am free *Rom 8:2*, I am healed *I Pet 2:24*, I have joy *John 15:11*, I am loved *I John 4:10-11*, I have liberty *Gal 5:1*, I am a new creation *2 Cor 5:17*, I have peace *John 14:27*, there are many more, but we are reminded also to "Always be joyful and never stop praying.

Blessings

Helen Bell

International Prayer News

New Zealand

Pray for Howard Robinson in his role as National Director of MMM New Zealand.

Pray for the Board of MMM New Zealand as they begin 2019. Pray for wisdom as they plan for their 25th Anniversary celebrations this year and blessing to be evident in every discussion within the Board.

Continue to pray for new leaders to volunteer for the work in Fiji.

Zambia:

Pray for Florence N-Kaniki as she leads the work in Zambia. Pray for wisdom and guidance as she balances their financial plans for MMM Zambia in 2019.

Pray for the staff and volunteers in MMM Zambia as they serve in the various aspects of MMM's ministry throughout Zambia. Pray that God supplies all their needs.

Hong Kong:

Pray for Andrew Wong as he leads the MMM Hong Kong team into 2019. Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Hong Kong Board as they seek new Board members in 2019.

Pray for New Board members for MMM Hong Kong, pray that faithful men and women of great wisdom and insight will be inspired to join the Mission and lead through practical example.

Thailand:

Praise God for the positive outcome from the court hearing in December, Pray for smooth processes to finalise the purchase of the land in Chiang Rai. Pray that the government land office will processes the paperwork without delay.

Pray for Palita as she struggles with chronic heartburn, pray for a total healing.

South Africa:

Pray for Neil & Maree Eichstadt as they focus on a full year ahead of projects in east Africa. Pray for their finances, travel, and safety as they faithfully serve. Pray for John Benn as he chairs the MMM SA Board.



As we embark on 2019 please pray for safety on all the project sites. Especially pray for safety for all that use tools and work at heights. We also pray for safety in travel mercies to and from project sites.

Pray for the position of Board Chair to be filled by the right person, pray this person receives clear vision for the appointment Praise God that He knows the skills and attributes this position requires, we look to Him for guidance and provision.

Pray for expressions of interest to join the Missions Awareness Tour in Northern Thailand in late 2019. Pray for planning and establishment of all that is needed for the tour. Pray for wisdom and guidance as the team plan for project teams from Australia and other Countries.

Pray for Terrence Baxter as he continues on his busy schedule into 2019. We pray he will be strengthened, refreshed and kept in good health to ensure he can meet all the demands of the role as CEO of MMM Australia.

5 Pray for the finances of MMM. Pray that God will continue to provide for our needs through the faithfulness of His people. Pray for the sponsors, for Gods prosperity and blessing on their gift of giving as they support the work MMM with their finances.

6 Pray for more volunteers to join the summer projects, full of energy and enthusiasm. Pray a blessing on all the people involved on the sites and those behind the scenes organising it all.

Pray for the NSW team as they embark on the first two projects of the year, Lutanda & Canberra House of Prayer. Praising God for the full teams available ensuring this work is able to be completed.

Pray for God to speak into 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. Pray for our MMM Associates programme as it grows in numbers and importance to our overall operations.

Pray for more people to register their interest to join the WA Wildflower Safari and give thanks for all of those already signed up. Pray also for the planning that needs to be completed.

10 Pray for Gods provision for all material needs, so vital to continue our operations and administration. Pray for provision from God in every area of need across MMM Australia.

Pray for the project at the Riverbend Youth Centre, Tasmania where electricians are needed for lighting upgrades. Pray for the growing work in Tasmania and for Region Managers, Shane & Ruth Goelst.

12 Pray for dates to be finalised and teams gathered for three up and coming Victorian projects.

Brunswick Baptist Church, Southern Community Church of Christ & Thorpdale Wesleyan Methodist Church.

13 Pray for the project at Camp Clayton, Ulverstone, Tasmania, where the team will undertake general maintenance.

Always be joyful.

Never stop praying.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-17 NLT

Pray for NSW teams that head off soon on a mini safari to commence work at Glenn Innes Uniting Church, Tenterfield Presbyterian Church, a make-over at the Anglican Church at Wollomombi near Armidale and Lawson Baptist Church.

15 Pray for more opportunities to share the work of MMM with speaking guest spots at local churches, to promote the awareness of MMM and the work that it does for the wider church community.

16 Pray for increased support for WA, QLD & VIC as they organise their annual Region Dinners to be held in March. These are fundraisers for MMM and also a wonderful opportunity to invite new people along to spread the awareness of the work MMM does in the local and regional church communities.

17 Pray for each of the Region Managers as they embark on 2019. Hoping that they have renewed strength, clear focus and enthusiastic energy as the year rolls in.

18 Pray for each of the regions chair persons and committees so that they might have fresh and creative ideas for fundraising this year.

19 Pray for the Mitcham office to have direction and guidance in all they do and decide. Bless the hands that administer the daily tasks of running this office.

Praise God for the support of those who give financially to the work of MMM Australia. Praise him for the heart of generosity he instils in His believers that allows the work of the gospel to continue and grow. Pray for God's blessing on everyone who supports MMM financially.