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AUSTRALIA

MMM Overseas - Vanuatu

In mid March, a team of eight volunteers travelled to the island of Vanuatu. The goal was to build a medical and dental clinic in the village of Mangaliliu Village on Efate Island just north-west of Port Vila. In partnership with "One Salt Water" the project that started with an idea became reality when 2.5 tonnes of rolled steel and tools were sent in two shipping crates via container to Vanuatu.



On arrival the village performed a welcome ceremony and accepted us all with open arms into village life. They were always quick with a 'hello' or a wave when strolling through the village. Dr Danny and Jane Lean from "One Salt Water" were there to greet the team and we spent time together praying on the slab that was to become the clinic.



Unfortunately we experienced a minor delay and lost a couple of days in valuable building time as the container was delayed coming off the wharf at Port Vila. It eventually arrived which saw the MMM volunteers and local villages spring into action to start making the frames that would be 'their' clinic. What was intriguing to everyone was how these two crates could create a category five cyclonic structure that would become a medical and dental clinic that could service this village of 300 people and surrounding smaller villages.

The team were thankful for an 'old chook shed' not far from the building site, that provided shade while building frames. The local "mamas" kept the team and locals supplied with lime /lemon water and always had a spread of local village food at morning tea, lunch and dinner times.

The help of locals in the oppressive heat and humidity assisted in getting the frames completed quickly. After a much needed rest in Port Vila over the weekend, the MMM team, under the close instruction of Noel Taylor and Kim Roediger started to see the building take shape. Working to the Friday deadline the team put in some long work days which saw us complete 95% of the work. Achim and his team from Port Vila Victory Church who completed the slab before our arrival, stepped up and completed the small amount to be finished on the roof after our departure. This completed MMM's direct involvement in the building that is now ready for cladding and the fit-out.

The thankfulness shown by the village people will remain imprinted on the team, who were humbled by the generosity and acceptance of the village. I know a part of me will never be the same due to the close proximity I have had with these lovely people and that my prayers will include the village and the people who have so impacted me personally. I have been reading about the projects MMM have been completing for years, as I have been producing the Team News. Finally committing to be involved in one has been an amazing experience. I better understand why so many get involved in 'serving those who serve'!

Blessings
Jason Blockey



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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Project Opportunities

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

QD	QLD	Garage Sale -Mango Hill - Setting up, selling and packing up	Team Needed
May- June 2019			
QD-18-830	QLD	Biggenden Uniting Church—Painting church and hall	Full team
June 2019			
QD-18-817	QLD	Riverlands ACC, Gayndah—Painting and replacing windows	Volunteers needed
July 2019			
QD-18-840	QLD	Tara Community Church – Prep and paint church exterior	3 couples needed
19 - 30 August			
QD-18-876	QLD	Wondoan Presbyterian Church –Painting	Volunteers needed
5 -16 August			
QD-19-869	QLD	Church of Christ, Maryborough Men's shed—fit out of new shed	Carpenters and handy-men needed
TBA			
TS-19-895	TAS	Riverbend Youth Centre, Smithton -BBQ area roof and paving	Volunteers needed
Late May			
TS-18-839	TAS	GLO Ministries, Smithton—General Maintenance	Volunteers needed
Mid July			
VC-18-	VIC	Belgrave Heights Convention– Raise the roof of A-Frame Building	Volunteers needed
June 2019			
VC-18-842	VIC	Cobram Christian Outreach Centre—installation of ceilings and stage in auditorium (MMM NSW project)	Builders and handy-men needed
October 2019			

VC-18-723	VIC	Numurkah Church of Christ Fit-out. Set up worship centre inside industrial building. To assist skilled labour with indoor wall and ceiling construction and floor covering. White card required.	Full Team Needed Safety clothes Required
13 - 31 May			
SAFARI TEAM	SA/WA	Western Australia Wildflowers Safari. Running from July to October 2019. This project safari will be commencing projects in Western Australia, then to South Australia, finishing in Western Australia where it will be Desert Wildflower season. Not to be missed.	Contact Geoff Jarvis or Trevor Beard for details.
July– October			
SAFARI TEAM	VIC/SA	Caravan Safari 1 st July starting at Ararat Presbyterian church manse-Replace kitchen and bathroom shower. 8 th July –Mundulla (S.A.) Church of Christ-Paint outside roof and walls. 12 th July—Sherlock/Peake Baptist Churches and MENS/WOMENS shed night. Staying on a farm. Work is concreting, wall reposition of outside toilet, partial removal of stage area. 22 nd July—Port Augusta Bretheren Assembly (church)-concrete grinding, refix internal wall cladding, tank removal and assoc. plumbing, new toilet pans/cisterns, small electrical work, painting. 29 th July- Ceduna- Churches TBA- One week. 3 rd August Head across The Nullabor to Kalgoorlie in W.A., where the W.A. Team will meet you and stay with you across W.A.	Volunteers
1 July—3 Aug			
WA-18-844	WA	Coolgardie Gospel Chapel – Building Maintenance	With caravan safari
August			
WA	WA	Wandalgu Mission, Geraldton – Building Maintenance	With caravan safari
August			
WA	WA	Bay of Isles Church, Esperance – Building Maintenance	With caravan safari
September			
NW-18-809	NSW	Nyngan Baptist Fellowship—Kitchen renovation	Full team
20 May			
NW-18-771	NSW	Terrigal Presbyterian Church — Painting of hall interior and general maintenance	Painters and handy-men needed
Jul 2019			
NW-18-796	NSW	Hope Church Condobolin—Renovation of church toilet facilities	Full Team / Electrician
Aug 2019			
NW-18-837	NSW	Attunga Campsite — Internal fit-out of new conference room	Builders and handy-men needed
Sep 2019			
NW-18-789	NSW	Katoomba Christian Convention— Repairs, maintenance and painting	Full Team
Nov 2019			



Variety, keeps things interesting!

I'm sure everyone would agree that one of the favourite aspects of working with MMM is the **variety** of Ministries we get to see, and the interesting people involved in them. The last two months our teams have been working in Canberra, the Blue Mountains and right up the north of the state on a Mini Safari to Glen Innes, Tenterfield and Wollomombi near Armidale. The jobs have all been SO DIFFERENT..... with some big challenges; **but God has provided the man power and the skills needed each time.**

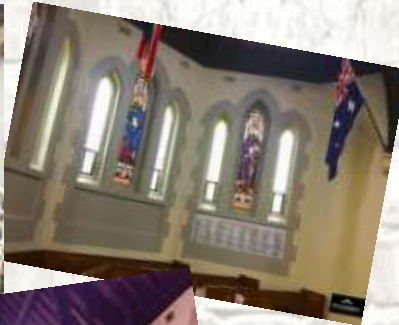
Canberra was fascinating. The facility the team worked on provides accommodation for Christian members of parliament and a place to come and pray. There was a combination of construction and painting.



Canberra



Glen Innes



The Mini Safari was full of surprises. It was like a trip back in time.

Imagine walking into a huge church with walls over 18 ft high, which needed to be painted in heritage colours and style. It was a daunting task. The church was built to commemorate the first Presbyterian Minister to come to this isolated area of NSW. He was a true pioneer of the Christian faith with many stories told of his courage and determination.

Then we drove to Tenterfield to find another historical landmark. A tiny wooden building, but still over 100 yrs old. This time its fame

came from the fact that Banjo Patterson married the love of his life here.

Next we head to Wollomombi to paint another lovely old timber church built in 1926. I'm sure we will find out lots of history connected to this building as well. At the same time there will be a crew painting Lawson Baptist Church. Most of the work has been painting, but there is always some construction jobs that keep the fellas happy.

None of these jobs could get done without the faithful associates coming along and always doing their best. Thankyou everyone.

Greg and Robyn Jackson.



Tenterfield



Extra Hands Make Light Work

The MMM WA Regional Committee, over the past 12 months, has had a prayer focus for the provision of more Volunteers to assist on the various projects that we are called upon to complete. Many would know that Rod Heape has been a blessing to us since arriving in the West, as he tirelessly goes about working on the many challenges and project tasks.

Last month **Bicton Presbyterian Church** asked for assistance in repairing the ceiling in the bathrooms of their church hall. The job would require getting new ceiling sheets lifted and secured into place, preferably a two-man job. At the same time Alan Baxter called the MMM Centre to offer assistance by committing to work two project days per month. Like most construction work, a light needed to be disconnected and reconnected, so a call was made to Nadia Engelbrecht of ElectroGirls to see if she could assist. Nadia was keen and took a morning out of her busy work schedule to ensure that all the power was disconnected and reconnected safely. The bathrooms were soon renovated and given a new coat of paint by the small team. The congregation of the Bicton Presbyterian Church helped with supplying morning teas and lunches.

Later in the month the **Heritage Christian Church Armidale** requested help with the restoring or replacing barge boards on the manse and wooden windows in their hall. The church's congregation had maintained their buildings for many years but now some of the tasks have become harder because of age and skill levels. Brian

Powell, who has worked on many MMM Projects over the years, assisted Rod and other church members, as the wooden frames and structures were removed, rebuilt and painted.

The MMM WA Regional Committee have been encouraged and blessed by these extra Volunteers as they have given of their time and skills to help out. Being "available to serve" is a mission stance we can all take, as we seek God to use us as He Wills.

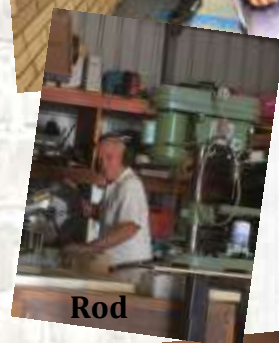
Rod & Alan



Nadia



Rod



MMM WA Celebration Dinner

What a fantastic night of fellowship, inspirational and thought provoking messages by Rodney Olsen and Terry Baxter, beautiful food prepared by Ruth, Kim, Catherine and team and great entertainment from Steve Grace.

We felt blessed to be part of it. A big thank you to all those who attended and the Volunteers who made it happen, "Everyone doing their Bit" to support the ministry of MMM Australia in WA and afar. A blessing to you all.





Kingsridge Baptist Church Renovation

Throughout late February and March, John has been working on the south side of Brisbane at Kingsridge Baptist Church, where he converted a store room into a disabled toilet. The need has been quite urgent for the church with people attending church but unable to use the bathroom facilities and with the stress of not being able to afford to install the much needed disabled facility. Along comes the MMM labourers in John Cooper with the help of Adrian Behrens and Des Hall for a day or two.

The renovation of the store room has been a great blessing to the church and the pastor Luther Ramsey, who is so thrilled to now have the right facility for the needs of his flock. New sewage and water lines were run underneath the floor, the toilet and hand basin installed, walls added, plastered and painted and the floor prepared and tiled.



Finished



John



Des Hall



In progress

Annual Dinner in Denim and Lace

On the 16th March over 110 people gathered at Stafford Heights Baptist Church for another Northern Australia Region Annual Dinner. The theme this year was Denim and Lace with the tables being decorated and people wearing lots of denim and some lace! Eion Wolter, our MC for the evening was wonderful and everyone enjoyed his piano playing throughout the evening as well. Rod McGarvie bought a report from the board that was informative about the board's role, and then presented the Behrens with a certificate of appreciation for their three and a half years of full time ministry in the Northern Australia Region. John Cooper gave a report of projects and people from last year and future plans, then spoke about encouragement as it relates to all of us in whatever we are doing and the sense of people searching for truth in today's world. From the feedback we have had it encouraged lots of people there. There was plenty of silent auction bidding fun and our thanks to David Rapp and Graham Kapinga for promoting them so well. Special thanks to Marg Taylor, Janette McConaghy, Caren Behrens and Gaye Redsell for your enthusiasm and expertise in making this night a special event.



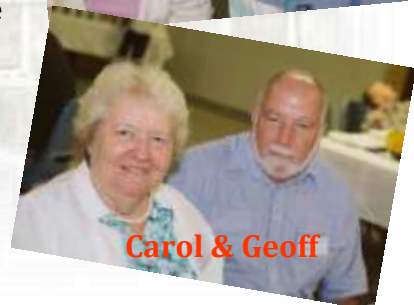
Tom, Lloyd & Malcolm



Marion & Hugh



Robin & Velma



Carol & Geoff



Life is like a Box or Chocolates

Some days, we just do not know what is around the corner. That applies to MMM as well.

We have just recently worked at a town called Thorpdale in central Gippsland in Victoria. The project was at the local Wesleyan Methodist church in the town, the only church still operating each Sunday in the area. We were to repaint the timber work on the outside of the building, which had become a faded crimson colour. When I arrived during the project, on the Wednesday, several people had been bitten by bees. One so seriously, that he was taken to hospital immediately. His face had swollen so his eyes were closed. We Thank God that it was not near his throat. We had a bee keeper amongst the crew, who had removed all he could and killed a lot of the bees. So we kept working, some people wearing Bee suits for protection, if they were working closer to the bees. Work was been slowed down by the concern with the bees, as the bees did not like having us near them.



On the Thursday afternoon, we had just finished our cuppa, and I was working well below the bees, when a bee bumped into my eye. Shocked I looked up, and saw perhaps a million bees swarming. I said to myself "that's not good", and ran. Within half an hour the queen Bee had been installed, and the swarm moved in behind weather boards above a front window of the church. This was exactly where the old hive had been located.

Needless to say, we did not finish the work in the allotted time. We intend to go back on a Saturday very soon to finish the job. We praise Father God that there were no long term injuries on this project. The bees are now gone.



The Annual Fundraiser Dinner

On the 23rd March we held our annual dinner with over 80 people attending. The VIC/SA committee want to praise God for such a wonderful blessing on this dinner. Some very wonderful people heard the call, and responded to give what they could we raised approx. \$ 18,000.

Thank you all so much.



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Various projects

Earlier this year we held a mini safari in Tasmania, here's an insight into what happened:

Project 2 – Camp Clayton – February 11 - 15

We joined this project to help with the refurbishment of Duthoit Lodge. Firstly we helped clean out the home in readiness for the painters who painted all the interior of the house in three days. Others did a great job on the complete plastering of the rumpus room. We made a number of net curtains and hung blinds. Others had the job of cutting out the rotted laundry floor and a complete remodel of the same. A number of us cleaned up the gardens around Duthoit Lodge. We pruned pittosporum hedges at Park-down Lodge, while others also did gardening work around the property with lots of new plants added to the grounds. It was really great to be part of a team of willing workers, serving our Lord in a practical way and helping the work of Camp Clayton advance. We were pleased also to get to know other MMMers as well as Shane and Ruth.

Clifton and Juanita Smith



Project 3 – Worldview, Launceston – February 18 – 22

In February, David and I (MMM Victoria) joined a team of Tasmanian volunteers. Our job was to address the maintenance needs of the residential training centre and there were many. They included extensive renewal of guttering and down-pipes; painting several rooms and general maintenance of timber work and windows. Many tasks, shared by many, in an atmosphere of cheerfulness, with a common goal to serve those who serve. As well as serving God in this way, the MMM team shared in the life of the community that is Worldview. We were warmly welcomed, greatly appreciated and included in many aspects of college life. The fellowship was sweet indeed! Thank you, Worldview, for the privilege of serving you - it's what WE do best. You gave us a glimpse of what YOU do best - equipping people for global, cross-cultural ministry, in His name. Long may it continue!

David and Robyn Freeman



Project 4 – Fusion, Kingston – March 11 – 15

Serving at Fusion in Kingston was inspiring and a privilege to say the least! The ministry of their small band of volunteers includes youth mentoring, community housing, a food relief vegetable garden for local agencies and a ropes course for various groups to help develop life skills. They were amazing hosts and grateful beyond words for what we (14 MMMers from 3 states) did for them, even hosting a thank you + MMM promotion dinner with local tradies. One job alone, replacing a rotting external weatherboard wall had been quoted at \$40-\$50 000! A new kitchen floor where the old one had rotted, a new shower so the family could use the bathroom again and a fresh paint makeover of the hall plus a few other jobs kept us busy too!

Neville & Jill Humphrey



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Vanuatu Project Picture Gallery



Slab going down



The Team and Locals



Taking shape



The "old chook shed"



Roof capping completion



Nearly there



Achim and his team



Finished

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Praying daily is the most important thing you can do

National	Pray for more volunteers to join the teams in all regions.
WA	We are keen to build a Team of Volunteers who can assist when they are available and as projects are scheduled. Pray for Volunteers to be challenged and moved to use their skills and talents to fill this need.
QLD	Giving thanks for the wonderful support for the annual dinner and the generosity of our supporters.
VIC	Please pray for the concept of Weekend Warriors to start in Victoria. We have a small number of young men and women to start. Pray for their enthusiasm and encouragement.
NSW	Pray for continual improvement in Gwen Halls health.
TAS	Praise God that we've been able not only to help the organisations we've been to recently but to encourage and inspire them to keep going in the work they're doing.
WA	Pray for the planning of the 2019 Caravan Safari, for scheduling Projects, Volunteers and the Co-Ordination of tasks
National	Pray for the right person to take the position of National Associates Coordinator. Pray for the MMM associates program as it grows in numbers and importance to our overall operations.
NSW	Praise for the completion of the project in Glen Innes and the skills and experience of the NSW volunteer teams.
QLD	Praise for those who have signed up for the winter projects in the Burnett area and pray for people to commit to a job or three during the winter months – we still need a few couples for each job.
WA	Pray for upcoming fundraiser events, Sausage Sizzlers – that they will be well supported. Give thanks for the success of the MMM WA Dinner and all those who were touched by the ministry
National	Praise God for the volunteers who give up their time to serve weekly in the National Office, Flora, Noel, Kim, Sutha, Dave and Keith. Pray for Keith and Dave who are both recovering from surgery.
QLD/ WA/ VIC	Praise God for the wonderful time of fellowship at the recent dinners in these regions and for the generous giving of those who attended
VIC	Give Thanks for the continued Safety on our Projects.
VIC	Pray for Wisdom for wisdom in planning the Safari and for safety on the projects.
TAS	Pray for Camp Clayton, Worldview and Fusion's work as they share the gospel in different ways with different groups of people.



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1:00 -2:00 pm Prayer



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for the needs of the ministry

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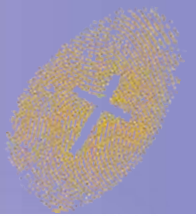


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One Man's Prayer

If you've visited the MMM Centre in Western Australia over the past few years, then you've definitely experienced the hospitality of Trevor and Karen Beard. In recent years you would probably have caught up with Rod Heap (*MMM's longest serving full time volunteer*). But you may not have met Laurie!

Laurie is Karen's father and he lives with them and has done for several years following the passing of his beloved wife (Val). Laurie is a fairly quiet bloke, he tends to the lawns, and gardens around the place and generally tries to keep out of the way of any visitor's. I'm being honest when I say Laurie has a lot of years behind him now and his activities are restricted by age and weariness.

It's not until you get to chat with him that you find out just how supportive and helpful he is to the work of MMM, and I'm not talking about going on projects or cutting grass or doing maintenance. Laurie is up at 4:00am most mornings, he wanders out to the deck, sits in his favourite chair and begins to pray!

When I chatted with him recently he told me that it usually starts with 15 minutes of worship (*sometimes that might extend a lot longer than 15 minutes*), before he begins praying for people, and for the work of MMM. He works his way

through the 20 points of the MMM PrayerForce, and the international prayer needs also. He reads the TeamNews and usually prays for the people and events in there also.

Laurie does this routine every day! Out of bed at 4:00am, worships, prays, and then starts his day with the family and activities of the day. His prayer time is 3 hours!

We need more Laurie's at MMM! He will probably never visit an MMM project site, pick up a tool, a paint brush, a chalking gun, or a screwdriver. But he will make a huge contribution and a significant difference to the ministry of MMM all across Australia. We need more Laurie's!

I think it was Gwen Pulsford from Nowra who once said to me **"Not all can paint, not all can fix, not all can go, but ALL can pray!"** To our faithful network of prayer warriors out there, thank you! - Thank You for your faithfulness, thank you for your love, thank you for your support, thank you for your intercession. You are a gift to our ministry!

We need more Laurie's!

