## **Devotional**

**John I:4** "In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

God's desire to have relationship with each one of us has been the foremost motivation for the sacrifice of His Son Jesus. God so desires connection with us that He was willing to provide the sacrificial lamb, the most priceless valued Son of God to restore and reconnect us to God.

Jesus didn't just arrive on planet earth as an adult. He was born and grew up in a family experiencing everything anyone of us would experience. He went through pain, he went through grief, he went through loneliness, he was betrayed, he was killed as an innocent man.

We can be assured that God can meet us exactly where we are because Jesus knows exactly what we are going through, His light will shine through the darkness of our darkest days. No matter what situation we are in, God is the light of hope that will see us through any storm.

This is the God we serve, the one that knew we needed saving, that had been organising this plan of salvation from the moment sin entered the world and broke the connection He valued so much, relationship with each one of us.

We can be assured God wants relationship and connection with each one of us. He waits patiently to hear from us, He is a Father that gives good gifts and He waits eagerly to answer our prayers.

God will shine His light on any need we have, on any situation we find ourselves in and his desire to have communication with us is at the very centre of everything He has done for us and continues to do for us.

Blessings

### Helen Bell

National Prayer Coordinator

# International Prayer News

### New Zealand:

Pray for Howard and Ave Robinson as they enjoy a sabbatical period throughout May. Pray for them as the tour the South Island and enjoy some rest and relaxation. Pray also for their meetings with supporters and sponsors.

Pray for Bruce Alchin who is standing is as National Director during May. Pray for wisdom and insight as he fills the gap.

Pray for Doug Carson in his role as Board Chair. Pray for insight and wisdom for Doug, and for the entire MMM New Zealand Board as they prepare for the 25th Anniversary celebrations later this year.

### Zambia:

Pray for Florence N-Kaniki as she leads the MMM organisation in Zambia. Pray for those who seek to rob MMM of our assets there, that they would be thwarted on every side by truth and righteousness.

Pray for the finances of MMM Zambia, that they will experience the blessing and provision for all their needs. Pray for the team that administer the affairs of MMM, to know wisdom and blessing.

### Hong Kong:

Pray for the Hong Kong Board as they continue to seek God for direction and insight into building MMM as a strong and effective organisation in Hong Kong and surrounding areas.

Pray for Andrew Wong as he leads the work there. Pray for wisdom as he seeks to fulfil a project request in Indonesia. Pray for opportunities to share the vision and needs of MMM in Hong Kong churches.

Pray for new Board members to rise up and participate in the leadership and guidance of MMM in Hong Kong. Pray for men and women of influence to rise to the challenge

### Thailand:

Pray for guidance and insight for Pedro and also for Palita as they plan for the Missions Awareness Tour in November.

Pray for Palita as she continues to experience the effects of chronic heartburn. Pray for total healing.

Pray for the blessing of finances to grow the organisation and expand the reach across a wider area in Thailand.

# PrayerForce May 2019 **MMMA**ustralia

- Pray for Greg & Robyn Jackson, Region Managers for NSW. Pray for guidance as they organise each project and select which ones to take on. Pray for enough volunteers to fulfil the needs for each project.
- Pray for John & Anne Cooper, Region Managers for the Northern Australia region. Pray for continued healing for John to restore good health. Pray for new volunteers to join with the Queensland team in the coming months.
- Pray for Trevor & Karen Beard, Region Managers for Western Australia. Pray for guidance and wisdom as they continue planning fundraising events. Pray also for the planning of the WA Wildflowers Safari and the ever increasing number of projects.
- Pray for Geoff Jarvis, Region Manager for VIC/SA as he continues to cover many projects over his region. Pray for the upcoming projects across VIC/SA including those that are a part of the Wildflowers Safari. Pray for new volunteers to join the teams working across the region.
- **5** Pray for Ruth & Shane Goelst from Tasmania. Pray for more volunteers and support as they move forward with growing their team. Pray also for their family as they celebrate the engagement of Daughter No 2 (that's two in one year).
- Praise God for all that hold the position of State Committee chair. Please pray they are blessed as they faithfully serve our Region Managers with prayer and support. Paul Barnham (NSW), John de Jonge (TAS), Graham Kapinga (QLD), David Graham (VIC), and Hendrik Alberts (WA).

- Pray for the Region Managers gathering on May 9th to 11th in Melbourne, Pray for our National Prayer Coordinator as she shares with the team their heart and vision. Pray for the Board who will be joining with them on the Saturday morning for region updates.
- Pray for the MMM Board as they oversee the governance of the organisation. Pray for wisdom as they consider & plan for the long term future of MMM Australia. Continue to pray for potential Board members who can bring their skills & experience to the MMM Board.
- Ontinue to pray for the right person to take the position of National Associates Coordinator. Pray for the MMM Associates programme as it grows in number and importance to our overall operations.
- 10 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 of MMM with their finances.
- Pray for more opportunities to share the work of MMM with speaking guest spots at churches and events, to promote the awareness of MMM and the work that it does for the wider church community.
- 12 Pray for the National office staff and volunteers in Mitcham as they continue to cope with a busy workload. Pray for direction in all they do. Pray for blessing for each and every one.
- 13 Pray for Qld MMM as they help Biggenden Uniting Church with painting of the Church and Hall. Pray enough help with come in as volunteers step forward to help with this project.

- 14 Pray for Terrence Baxter as he continues on his busy schedule as CEO of Australia. Pray for travelling mercies and financial provision for all the trips he has committed to. Pray for the meetings he attends right across Australia and the media interviews scheduled for May.
- 15 Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for each of the Board for insight into the direction and plans for MMM. Dale Richardson Chair, Melanie McGrice Deputy Chair, John Peberdy, Matthew Smith and Rod McGarvie.
- 16 Pray for expressions of interest to join the Missions Awareness Tour in Northern Thailand in November 2019. Pray for planning and establishment of all that is needed for the tour. Pray for wisdom and guidance as the Thailand team plan for a key project activity for the MAT.
- 17 Prayer for the WA Wildflower Safari planning and volunteers that have already signed up.

  Pray for Geoff Jarvis and Trevor Beard as they continue to commit to projects along the way and organise all that is needed to make this a success.
- $18^{\rm Pray}$  for more volunteers to join the committed workforce on projects around the nation.
- 19 Pray for the safety on all the project sites. Pray that the arrival of MMM teams will be a blessing to each community and local church that they serve.
- 20 Continue to pray for the Region Managers that they have renewed strength, clear focus and enthusiastic energy as the year rolls on.