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Mahlon Leni – MMM Partner and Friend

In early May we were advised of the passing of Mahlon Leni the Solomon Islands. Mahlon was a significant link with the work of MMM over many years, he was first engaged with MMM in the late 1980's through connection with Geoff Hansen and later was instrumental in MMM's school building projects in the South Guadal Canal Weathercoast from 1992 onwards.

Geoff Hansen has provided a great overview of Mahlon's background and involvement with MMM projects in the Solomon Islands and the wonderful relationships born through this period. June Dawson (pictured) from the NSW South Coast cooked on several MMM Work Teams to the Solomon's and became lifelong friends with Mahlon and his wife Ellen, and there will be many more who knew him and loved him. MMM stalwart Gordon Hutchinson (who passed away last year) was one who built a special relationship with Mahlon which lasted a lifetime.



Mahlon & Ellen Leni



A lot of our history in The Solomon's has been recorded on Video and in Geoff Hansen's book "To Find Things Different". So much of our rich history is recoded by Geoff, including the contribution and partnership of Mahlon.

Geoff communicated the news of Mahlon's passing in a letter with a few of his memories some of which I've included here:

"Whenever an MMM team arrived on the Weathercoast via the MV Kangava ship Mahlon had prepared the school children to sing their welcome songs to the team, making us feel very welcome and pleased to be there, to work alongside local men to erect their school buildings"

"Whenever MMM team members were asked to preach at the churches at Pe-ochakuri and Anona (near Koloula), and were instructed to speak in simple English, Mahlon would follow each of our speakers with a summary in their local dialect, for the message to be clearly understood."

Mahlon had a generous spirit towards others. I remember asking about a food cupboard near the doorway of their Pe-ochakuri house, always with food left in it overnight. It was there for any traveler who may come by, and who may be in need of food."

There will be many MMM people around Australia who know Mahlon and will be saddened to hear of his passing. In recent years he had been bedridden and quite unwell, but we know he will be overjoyed to now be in the presence of his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whom he served faithfully all his life. For MMM, this brings the passing of an era with so many of these original contacts now joined by Mahlon in the presence of the Lord.

Terrence Baxter



June Dawson

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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-18-810	NSW	Wallsend - Interior painting	Team Needed
17-28 June			
QD-18-817	QLD	Biggenden Uniting Church - Prep and paint church exterior	Volunteers needed 1 Couple
11-28 June			
QD-18-830	QLD	ACC Gayndah—Paint Church exterior	1 Couple needed
1-12 July			
NW-18-771	NSW	Terrigal Presbyterian Church — Painting of hall interior and general maintenance	Painters and handy-men needed
1-12 July			
QD-19-875	QLD	Durong Anglican—Paint Exterior	Full Team
22 July - 2 Aug			
QD-18-875	QLD	Wondoan Presbyterian Church —Painting	Volunteers needed
5 - 16 August			
QD-18-840	QLD	Tara Community Church – Prep and paint church exterior	3 couples needed
19 - 30 August			
WA-18-844	WA	Coolgardie Gospel Chapel – Building Maintenance	With caravan safari
21 - 28 August			
WA—TBA	WA	Geraldton Wandalgu Mission – Building Maintenance	With caravan safari
28 Aug – 7 Sept			
NW-18-776	NSW	Canyonleigh—Construction of a conference room	Full Team
16 - 27 Sept			
TS– TBA	TAS	Riverbend Youth Centre, Smithton - New gymnasium floor	Skilled & unskilled volunteers needed
16 - 27 Sept			
WA– TBA	WA	Esperance Bay of Isles Church—Building maintenance	With caravan safari
18– 25 Sept			

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MMM People

Dale Richardson - Board Chairman

During February 2019 I had the opportunity to put my car on the Spirit of Tasmania and join in the MMM Northern Tasmanian Safari for a couple of weeks. Having joined the MMM Australia Board a couple of years ago I was always keen to spend some time getting my hands dirty, meeting volunteers and learning what really happens in MMM (not just what the CEO tells us!!). Unfortunately working full time as a Regional QA & HSE Manager covering both Australia and New Zealand required a significant amount of travel and together with building a new home, Church and family commitments the time required to do this was not readily available.



I had for some time sensed God telling me it was time to change directions and hence I retired from full time work at the end of October 2018 and in early November we moved into our new home in Pakenham, VIC. Finally, I had some time, so in February I packed up the car and headed to Tassie for a couple of weeks to help Shane and Ruth Goelst with the Northern Tasmanian Safari.

One of the decisions that the MMM Australia Board made a little while ago was for each of the Board members to take a special interest in an allocated region. I was pleased to be allocated Tasmania as I was born in Launceston as a 6th generation Tasmanian.

As a "PK" (Preachers Kid) we moved around a lot as I was growing up, spending time in Elizabeth SA, Vermont VIC, Launceston TAS and finally Thorpdale VIC where I met my wife (Rose) and where we lived until 2015. Most of my teenage years were spent in Tasmania and I have many fond memories of this time.

I joined the Northern Tasmania Safari at Camp Clayton which is a CYC camp site at Turners Beach on the NW coast. This project was to refurbish an older house on the property that was to be used as emergency accommodation for a family. This project was led by Graham and Gloria Scott and there were numerous volunteers who all did a great job repairing, repainting and cleaning up this large cottage. I found it was good to be able to get to know the people as we worked and shared meals together.

The second project was in Launceston at the WEC Worldview Missionary Training College. It had been 40 years since I had set foot on this campus and it was great to be able to see the changes in that time. Again, there was a great team of volunteers and we completed a lot of painting, gutter & down pipe replacement.

As I worked at both of these locations, I wondered how many people's lives had been changed either directly or indirectly because of the ministry and training that had occurred at these facilities? We will never know, but we were helping these ministries continue in a practical way.

Before I went to Tassie, at the February MMM Australia Board meeting, I was elected as Chairman to replace Shane Prior who had stepped down from the Board after doing a great job over the past few years. Shane will be missed as he had provided good strong professional Christian leadership especially through the difficult decisions associated with the MMM Build closure. I believe that God had used Shane to help provide MMM with the required leadership during his tenure on the Board.

As I considered the challenges of this new role and look at the legacy of other leaders like Shane, I question if I have the necessary attributes to live up to the reputation of those outstanding people who have previously held this title. But reflecting upon the way that God has previously mapped out my path provides the confidence that this is part of His plan and hence all I need to do is trust Him. I know that He provides each one of us with a unique training plan for the tasks that he has planned. Therefore, I trust and am confident that in accepting this role God will or has provided all that is needed for the challenges ahead.





Serving in the “Outback”

Many Australians think of the “West” as beyond the Blue Mountains.

This week our team was privileged to travel to Nyngan, in the real “Outback”, to meet some courageous and dedicated Christian workers doing an amazing job reaching the youth of their town.

Richard, the pastor of the Baptist church, is working as a chaplain in the High School and his passion and determination has seen youngsters come to Christ. MMM came in 2016 to renovate the community hall which the Baptist congregation calls home.



Finished

Now, in 2019, we are installing a kitchen to create a welcoming and more functional space for the many events they host.

We also met Michael, the pastor of the C3N church, who is inspired to travel even further into isolated areas. You would think he could call Nyngan “isolated” and wait for supporters to come to him.....but God has called him to venture long distances to “lend a hand” in places like Wilcannia.

We in MMM are hoping to build more connections with these people who give up a “comfortable” life to reach the Outback of NSW.

This is what we love about MMM..... **Greg and Robyn Jackson**



Youth Group



Nearly Finished



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And they're off and Running

WA Caravan Safari 2019. After much planning and discussion between Regional Managers Trevor (WA) and Geoff (VIC) the Caravan Safari will begin in Ararat, VIC on the 1st July and travel through Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia completing 12 Projects along the way.

There will be 8 Volunteers from Queensland, 2 New South Wales, 1 Western Australia and 8 from Victoria. Their trades will range from Musician, Sparky, Florist, Comms Technician, Nurse, Teacher and Engineer, but all will have a heart to be "serving those who serve". Each will use their special skills and talents or be willing to work alongside another to learn or develop new skills to ensure that each Project is completed.

There will be Painting, Tiling, Plumbing, Demolition, Concreting and much, much, more. They will be away from family and friends for up to 3 months, self-funded and tow their caravans over 10,000 kms round trip. The projects will be completed at Churches, Camp Sites, Christian Missions, Drug Rehabilitation Centres and Indigenous Communities located in the Country, Outback and Cities.



Caravan Site



A great adventure to be had by all, friendships to be made and plenty of memories to be treasured forever. If you were to ask each Volunteer, why do they freely give of their time and commit to such a task? I am sure their answers would differ, but have a common thread. "To help others in God's Family that need assistance to better equip them to carry out the calling God has on their lives and ministry".

Each Project Organisation will be blessed by the work that is carried out by the Safari Team and their thankfulness will echo throughout their communities. Because of the work carried out ministries will be able to expand, facilities will be more inviting, communities will feel encouraged and more people will respond to the message of Jesus.

Take time over the coming months to remember all those participating in this Caravan Safari and pray for their Safety while travelling and on the worksites and that God's purposes will be fulfilled. Looking forward to bringing a further update in the next TeamNews

Can I Help MMM Australia?

Often we are asked how can I help MMM and its ministry when I am not able to work on a project? MMM is a people's ministry and there are many and varied ways that people can be involved. You can Pray, promote MMM activities through your church, join in on one of our Fundraising Events or organise an Event on our behalf, Like and Share the MMM Facebook and Website pages, arrange for MMM to speak at your small group or church or encourage others to explore the opportunities to serve in this practical ministry. We thank everyone for helping to grow the ministry of MMM where you are.



Working with Teen Challenge

Teen Challenge Queensland offers a residential rehabilitation program 'Live Free' for young men and women needing to recover from addiction and other life controlling problems. Located in Toowoomba, the program is designed for young people aged from 16 - 45 years.

We believe in rescuing young people who are broken and without hope. We aim to restore young men and women from life controlling issues, such as drug and alcohol dependency, eating disorders, depression, self-harm, suicide & homelessness. We aim to reunite and reconcile these young men and women back to their families.

The Christian program is a live in program that runs for 12 months, where our young people experience counselling, group work, individual study, work detail and recreation opportunities. We work with a professional health team that consists of a local GP and Psychologist. As clients progress through the program, they have the opportunity to take on more responsibility within the centre and volunteer work experience within the community.

The goal is to see our young people take responsibility for their addiction and criminal behaviour. Learn a new way to live without abusing substances and become a responsible member of the community and discover hope in Christ Jesus.

We can only do what we do because of the generous support of our donors, volunteers and community partners like MMM. John, Mark and Adrian all spent time at our Centre over a couple of weeks painting our Common area. Teen Challenge has to raise a lot of money to do what we do, so the money goes into keeping the program running and students supported. So there is often no money available for maintaining our facilities. So to have MMM to come and serve our ministry by painting, was amazing! Prior to MMM coming our common area was run down, dark and in desperate need of a make-over. John and the team did an outstanding job in freshening up the common area.

Our young men in the program also got to work alongside John and the team, which meant they were part of restoring their home and they learnt some valuable work skills as well. The common area looks fantastic; it's light, new and fresh and has made a massive difference to the student's home.

Thanks so much
MMM
Craig Watson
Operations Manager

Teen Challenge CEO & Staff



Mark



John



Adrian



Finishing off



Looking better



On the Road Again

Yes , another road trip to Adelaide, South Australia. And loving it. Seems like just a few weeks ago, me and my trusty side kick, Ranger, trundled the distance over to South Australia. This time to finish the painting from last year, at Life FM radio station, in Adelaide. This time, was different though. This time, Jane and Owen drove over to join in the painting. And this time, Mr Terry Owers from Adelaide joined in as well. We enjoy working at the Radio Station, and a great relationship is blooming.

Terry Owers, along with Brenton Cornish (last MMM SA Region Manager) were previously the last to complete MMM Projects in South Australia. So Terry, Thank You and welcome once again, to the new MMM projects teams. It was great to fellowship with new and old MMMers.



Have you ever been to Numurkah? It is found approx. 40 kms north of Shepparton in Victoria. MMM VIC/SA had the joy of working with the Numurkah Church of Christ, to build their newest home in 20 years. The locals had got in a good start, and we got in, and pushed the project along. They still have a work load in front of them, but they are going at it. Well done Numurkah. What lovely people.

Another A-FRAME was completed at Belgrave Heights Convention, making the score two completed and two to go. We are not due back there until October. The A-Frames are hard work, but the crew have that Can- Do spirit. Thank you Guys and Ladies for the great support along the way.

Something new.....

In June, VIC/ SA will host it's first Weekend Warriors Team. That's a team of people who only can work on Saturdays. It is anticipated that work will be organized for once a term. Keep your ears peeled. We may be working near you. If that sounds like something you could be into, give Region Manager, Geoff Jarvis a call.

Coming Up.....

This year, Region Manager, Geoff Jarvis, will Lead the eastern leg of the caravan Safari as far as Ceduna, where he will wave farewell, as the caravans travel across the Nullabor, into the waiting arms of the crew in W.A. Rod Heape will be the Leader for the W.A. projects.

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1 ... 2 ... 3 ... GO!!



Blackstone Library

"And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith ..." Hebrews 12:1-2 We're all in a race, it's personal and yet at the same time we are running together as a team.

As region managers, we attended ONE staff conference in Mitcham where we discussed ONE hundred and ONE things related to the day to day running of MMM. It was a WONderful time. We've had ONE fellowship night at the centre where we enjoyed a WONderous array of pizzas.

In the last TWO months, the team has helped out TWO churches in the Launceston area. A week at Blackstone Christian Centre saw us move their soundbox and hot water cylinder, reclad the façade, paint the library, erect a partition wall and TOO many other things to mention. So far we've done TWO of the jobs on House of Prayer Bible Fellowship's list with plenty more to do in the upcoming weeks. Our prayer group on the coast has met on TWO occasions.

The team has also been helping with THREE organisations: Riverbend Youth Centre in Smithton, and Shekinah House and Happy Hampers in Launceston. We'll actually do THREE projects at Riverbend throughout this year to help them improve their facilities to run their children's camps. This time around, we've laid pavers and erected a skillion roof to create a great BBQ area. Shekinah House needed help in their charity shop with THREE jobs: electrical work to keep David Westrope busy while he's visiting us in Tassie, organising a store room and creating better display areas for their goods. They use the funds they raise from the charity shop to give out FREE meals to the homeless. Happy Hampers are also focused on helping those who are struggling by selling prepacked hampers of food at a really cheap price and delivering them for FREE to those who need. Thanks to the generosity of Baptcare, we were able to supply them with THREE FREE cupboards and a front counter to set up their premises, and, there were THREE more electrical jobs for David! We've recently received THREE more project requests.

It has been all GO and there is plenty to GO on with. We continue to run this race that God has set before us thankful that He has called us and equipped us to serve those who serve.



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BBQ Area



Shekinah - Shop 4 Hope



Happy Hampers

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MMM Working in Thailand

The past few months, Pedro has been busy building a new house for an elderly couple whose lives were threatened by their own son. The son is suffering from a mental problem. The new house is required to be separated from the son and to live a peaceful life again.

You might wonder why didn't they ask for help or take the son to see a psychiatrist? Simply Thailand is not as open or accepting as some other countries around the world regarding mental issues. It is very difficult to recover from being labeled as having a mental issue. I know this because I have had to handle this same situation in my own family. Regardless, the family took the son to see a

psychiatrist and they got a prescription for him. However, the doctor told the son it would be ok if he didn't take the pills. The son believed the doctor's word and stopped taking the medication.

If you know someone like this, I'm sure you can relate to this story. You know how hard life can be with someone who has a mental issue. In this case, his problem is not just mental illness as he also likes to drink. When he gets drunk, he becomes violent. He will pick up a knife and threaten to kill his parent during the night while they are sleeping. Imagine if your own son did something like that to you! It is devastating! I am so heartbroken hearing this story. My heart weeps for this couple.

Proverbs 14:31

Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

When Pedro received this request, he decided to take the case and to set the project priority as an emergency and grace project. He has been spending days and nights working up in the village. It takes 2 hours to drive to the work site from Chiang Rai. That's how dedicated he is to his calling and to serving God.

We can do what we do because of your prayers and financial support. We are grateful that God allows us to serve him by helping others in need, like this elderly couple.

We are blessed to have you on our side, investing in what we do here in Thailand in whatever way you can.

Blessings,
MMM in Thailand staff



Pedro with the property owners



Praying daily is the most important thing you can do

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.
NSW	Pray that the Wallsend and Terrigal projects teams will be filled .
QLD	Praise – Project completion at Teen Challenge and the team from there who came and helped with the garage sale set up on the 29 th May.
VIC	Please pray for the new Weekend Warriors Team concept. That people will join in, and work will be found to suit.
NSW	Praise God for the restoration of health for John Blade.
TAS	Praise God that He continues to supply all our needs.
QLD	Praise – team signed up to assist with the Winter safari in QLD.
WA	Give thanks for additional Volunteers who have indicated a desire to assist on some future work projects.
TAS	Praise God for His leading and provision on all aspects of the recent project at Riverbend Youth Centre – it couldn't have gone more smoothly.
VIC	Give thanks for the 9 vehicles joining the safari. Pray for safety, and patience by all.
QLD	Prayer – Marie Ann – our prayer coordinator is very unwell. Please uphold her for comfort and healing and for John who has a medical procedure on the 18 th June. Pray for a clear report please .
WA	Pray for all the Volunteers who are travelling in the WA Caravan Safari that they will be blessed with good health, safe travel and fun memories .
NSW	Praise God for the support for the garage sale.
TAS	Please pray for preparations for the next job at Riverbend Youth Centre – a new gymnasium floor. We need a large team, wisdom on the best way to do the work and favour from suppliers.
NAT	Pray for Helen Bell in her role as our National Prayer Co-ordinator.
WA	Pray for upcoming fundraiser events, Op shop Tours, Sausage Sizzlers – that they will be well supported .



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12:00 Lunch

(please bring a plate of food to share)

1:00 -2:00 pm Prayer



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for the needs of the ministry

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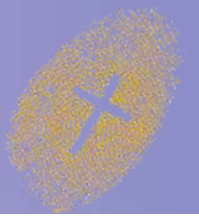
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God is Good ..!

In early May my husband Graham and I both had the privilege of meeting all the Region Managers at the Mitcham Office, Melbourne. Thank you to each one of you for openly welcoming us and sharing a small portion of your God journey with us.

We can be assured that we have people of passion and commitment in each state, laying down their lives in commitment to fulfil the purposes of Mobile Mission Maintenance throughout Australia.

We have come away feeling totally inspired by such dedication shown by each in all their presentations and an insight into the needs of each area.

I was asked to share on what prayer means to me and hope you will enjoy reading through my notes from the conference.

We are entrusted servants of God**according to each ones' ability**. Faithfulness requires that we manage these things wisely and unselfishly. We are blessed with talents, wealth, knowledge, time and the like, so it is expected that we use these well to glorify God and benefit others.

1 Peter 4:10

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

God is good and faithful, **He meets us where we are.**

He helps us through every situation. He restores our soul, He lifts us up and calls us righteous through the blood of Jesus.

You have to see that God loves each and every one of us and wants the very best for us.

1. God's Word calls us to Pray.....if we are to be obedient to His will, then prayer must be part of our life in Him.
2. Jesus Prayed Regularly the Gospels are full of references to the prayers of Christ.
3. Prayer is how we communicate with God.
4. Prayer allows us to worship and praise the Lord. It also allows us to offer confession of our sins, prayers grant us the opportunity to present our requests to God.
5. Prayer allows us to participate in God's plans because prayer is the means God has ordained for some things to happen.
6. Prayer Gives us Power Over Evil for we do not fight against flesh and blood but principalities and powers.
7. Prayer is always available..... nothing can stop us from approaching God in prayer except our own choices.
8. Prayer can succeed where other means have failed.
9. Prayer keeps us humble before God.
10. Prayer grants us the privilege of experiencing God.
11. Answered prayer is a potential witness.

We are extremely privileged to be able to partner with God and with each other in prayer and in promoting the extension of the Kingdom of God.

Blessings to all

Helen Bell



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