

## Devotional

### Instructing Your Heart

Quite often we hear people praying for breakthrough, it is something that I find in almost every church or community I visit across the nation. It is a genuine desire to see radical change occur.

As much as we can pray for breakthrough, in the hope that God will just 'zap' a situation and things will be better, or different, the truth of the matter is that breakthrough only occurs when a decision has been made for change. Unless we make the decision, and empower God to direct our lives then breakthrough will not happen.

We often hear the advice "follow your heart" and think this to be good advice, but the Bible tells us in Jeremiah 17:9 that "*the heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?*" We are encouraged in Proverbs 23 where the Lord says "*if your heart is wise; my own Heart will rejoice.*"

We should not follow our heart, we are encouraged to 'direct' our heart. So my advice is this, don't follow your heart, determine where you will go, and let your heart fall in line with the chosen direction.

The secret in all of this is knowing God's heart (*God's chosen direction*) and we should commit to this. When we commit to things we should pray for the outcomes of what we have committed to, and God will answer. "Ask, Seek, Knock."

I have made a commitment to pray, and fast for a specific period in August. Time in prayer and fasting focuses us on God's perfect will and plan. I encourage you to make a decision to seek after God with me in August for the plans and purposes for MMM. We can lay out what our decisions are and ask God to make the paths straight before us.

Find time in your schedule to fast and pray, commit to it, and pray for God to move. The promised outcome is explained in Matthew 7: 7-12.

Blessings **Terrence Baxter**

## International Prayer News

Stand with us in prayer alongside our MMM Centre's internationally and commit to praying for them on a daily basis. Please remember the following prayer points in your daily devotional time.

**Pray** for the finances of MMM Zambia. Pray for wisdom and good stewardship of all that is provided by God. Pray for doors to open with finances to fully fund the needs in Zambia.

**Pray** for Florence N-Kaniki in her role as National Director of MMM Zambia. Pray also for the Board of MMM in Zambia, that they will rise to the challenge and support Florence and the staff in their activities and efforts.

**Pray** for Howard and Ave Robinson in New Zealand. Pray for guidance and wisdom as they plan for the MMM NZ 25th anniversary conference in September.

**Continue to Pray** for the Board of MMM New Zealand as they provide governance of the work in New Zealand. Pray they will enlarge their vision to significantly grow the ministry throughout the south pacific region.

**Pray** for MMM in Hong Kong to become a powerhouse for volunteer service in serving those who serve in Hong Kong and Southern China.

**Pray** for wisdom and guidance for MMM HK as they search for a National Director to take on the role after Andrew Wong. Pray for the Board transition processes for new Board members also.

**Continue to Pray** for the preparations in Thailand for the first MAT later this year. Pray for many to get involved and committed to participating in the MAT. Pray for Palita and Pedro as they plan the project work for the MAT.

**We should always praise God** for all he does through the work of MMM in locations around the world. Praise Him for his faithfulness and provision for MMM. Praise God for all those who 'serve those who serve.'

# PrayerForce

## August 2019



# MMM Australia

**1** Pray for our Board Chair Dale Richardson as he visits the Solomon Islands on a missions endeavour. Pray for strength, endurance, and wisdom as he serves the Lord in this island nation for a couple of weeks. Pray for safe travels.

**2** Our Tasmanian team are praying for more volunteers to share the workload, lets commit to praying with them. Pray for many new volunteers across the state, pray for volunteers in all areas of our operations, Prayer, Admin, Fundraising, Projects, Ambassadors.

**3** Pray for the finances of MMM across every area of our operations. Pray that God will provide the resources needed to operate the Mission sustainably. Pray for funding applications currently being considered by philanthropic trusts.

**4** Pray for Peter & Glenda Holliday as National Associates co-ordinators. Pray for wisdom and direction as they seek to build on the existing Associates base and develop a thriving associates programme across Australia.

**5** Pray for John and Anne Cooper as they require 2 more couples to join the Queensland Winter Safari to assist with the Wondoan and Tara projects.

**6** Pray for more project opportunities across Tasmania as they seek to fill their calendar with the most appropriate projects. Pray for organisations considering an application to know 'now is the time' to apply.

**7** Praise God for the wisdom and guidance of the MMM Board and the faithful service of each of the board members. Continue to pray for them as they serve God in the governance of MMM.

**8** Pray for new opportunities in the area of fundraising for MMM. Continue to pray for the state teams as they work hard on creative fundraising opportunities. Pray for people to serve in fundraising events across Australia.

**9** Pray for the multiple projects being run concurrently in Tasmania, that they will know the safety and protection of the Lord, and that they will know the blessing of working for the Gospel. Pray for the team leaders coordinating these projects in the absence of Shane & Ruth.

**10** Pray for Greg & Robyn Jackson as they lead the NSW team. Pray for continued healing for Greg, praise God for what he has done in restoring his health over the past 12 months. Pray for the support that the NSW leaders need in Fundraising and Ambassadors.

**11** Praise God for the great response to the Missions Awareness Tour promotions. Pray for those already committed to the November tour. Pray for those still considering service in this area. Pray also for the Thai team as they prepare for this team to come.

**12** Pray for the team working in the National Office; Flora Fung, Kim Roediger, Noel Taylor, Rachel Littlechild, Sutha Jayanthan, David Kenyon, and Terrence Baxter. Pray they will know God's blessing and strength as they serve Him.

**13** Pray for the preparation and planning for the 2019/20 budget for MMM Australia. Pray for insight and wisdom as the finance team along with the CEO plan out our income and expenditure for the coming year.

**14** Pray for our CEO Terrence Baxter as he administers the affairs of MMM at a national level. Pray for Gods wisdom in all he brings to MMM, pray also for guidance and endurance as he serves the Lord.

**15** Pray for the Wildflowers Safari team as they work their way across the southern part of the continent from east to west and back again. Pray for safety and protection on the road and on project sites. Pray for good health for all on the team.

**16** Pray for MMM QLD as they prepare for their next garage sale in mid September, that the sheds will be full of donated items to sell.

**17** Pray for Trevor & Karen Beard as they serve God in MMM as well as working full time to support the ministry. Pray for the Western Australian committee as they help co-ordinate the Wildflowers Safari within the west.

**18** Please pray for full time volunteer, Rod Heape as he continues in his service for the Lord in MMM. Pray for him as he leads the WA component of the Wildflowers Safari. Pray for strength, good health, and blessing.

**19** Pray for the planning of a Build-A-Bond project in Dogura PNG for late 2020. Pray for the partnership with the Sydney Anglican Diocese as we plan ahead for this hospital ward to treat tuberculosis patients in the remote east of PNG.

**20** Pray for Jason and Jean Blockey as they serve with MMM in Darwin. Pray for Jason who puts together our MMM Team News.