

Seeing What God Has Done!

There are times when our problems in front of us seem like an insurmountable mountain that we can never overcome. It's true that if we look at it from where we stand we are looking from our frail human perspective, and yet we know in our hearts that if we can only see things as God sees them then the enormity of our problems fades away.

There is one perspective in the midst of all of the chaos and turmoil of the Covid-19 pandemic that we will never lose, and that is that God is still in control. If we are going to state that, then we need to believe it is true for every aspect of our Mission, and so with that perspective we began by praying. Over the past 3 months our prayer network has had a lot to pray about, and much to petition God for on behalf of MMM.

**THE GIANT
IN FRONT OF YOU
IS NEVER
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GOD INSIDE
OF YOU.**



The first item on our prayer list was the safety and protection of our most precious resource, our volunteers and staff. The second item was wisdom from God for myself as CEO and the Board as we considered the issues facing us, and the requirements of the medical experts and governments. The third item was our finances, with the bulk of our fundraising efforts cancelled and donations from our clients all but ceasing.

We are now in early June, and we can look back with 2020 vision and see just what God has done, and it is amazing to see his provision in every area of the Mission. Our people have had a hedge of protection around them, and we have reports of God's healing grace (see the *PrayerNews* on page 4). With God's wisdom our Board has navigated the labyrinth of government information and legislation and we continue to comply with every requirement.

Lastly, our finances! We have seen God move mightily in this area also. In **Proverbs 13:22** God's word says that *"the wealth of the wicked is stored up for the righteous"*. What God is saying here is that he will provide funds from the world to fulfil his purposes through his people. We have seen funds come from governments to support us, businesses have contributed materials and finances (see page 3) and the response to the Covid-19 special appeal has been a complete blessing and way beyond initial expectations.



We still have a long way to go to navigate the impacts of this pandemic, but having seen what God has done so far we can say with confidence; "God will continue to provide through his people, and any source he chooses to open for his purposes". God is still in control!

Terrence Baxter

CEO

Let's not grow weary in doing good!

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Project Opportunities

Resumption of Projects

After more than two months with suspended project activities behind us, project work has recommenced under a Covid-19 plan that allows us to comply with the various levels of restrictions in place at any time across the various Australian jurisdictions.

It's time to get motivated and reconnect with the various project teams in your local regions. Each region will be planning projects according to the limitations and restrictions imposed by government and health professionals. Contact your Region Managers for information on project schedules and opportunities to serve.

Our WH&S Coordinator has published a Covid-19 SWMS which is designed to keep everyone safe in the workplace on project activities. – Thanks Ian for all your efforts.

Thailand Support



In late April we were informed of the difficulties being faced by Palita through the shutdown of all schools in Thailand until July. Palita is a university graduate in English education and runs an "English" training school for students to support her work with MMM. Without income for the school any income.

Palita was struggling to pay rent and utilities without any income.

We let people know of the need and many people across the nation contributed to a fund which has been passed through to Palita. Praise God, it has been enough to cover these costs for the entire period. – Palita would like to thank everyone who donated for your love and support.

Alina Asher

Palita Mong is our office manager in MMM in Thailand, and her sister **Alina** has been helping and supporting MMM in Thailand for many years. We were overjoyed to hear earlier this year that Alina was engaged to a missionary worker from the USA – Aaron. On Saturday May 22nd



Alina and Aaron were married at the Shoulder to Shoulder centre in Chiang Rai.

Our congratulations to **Alina** (best coffee maker in Thailand) and **Aaron** on the occasion of your wedding.

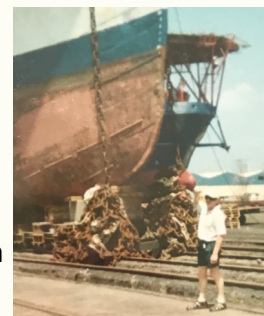


Roger Dolling



We have recently been advised that former MMM Associate Roger Dolling passed away on January 4th this year after a long battle with acute myeloid leukaemia. Roger and wife Marilyn spent many years

volunteering with MMM, including some interesting project work on the vessel Doulos, as well as various building and maintenance projects around Australia. Our condolences to Marilyn and family.



Geoff Jarvis

As this edition of MMM TeamNews is being written Geoff is undergoing Gallstone surgery in Dandenong hospital in Melbourne. After being admitted over the weekend the medical team prescribed pain relief medication until surgery could be scheduled. Geoff will be out of action for 3 or 4 weeks as he recovers. Please remember to pray for Geoff and for wife Gill as she cares for him in his recovery.



Welcome Phil and Kim Dwyer

Late in 2019 we were contacted through the website by Phil Dwyer expressing interest in volunteering with MMM. They live 'on the road' and were then in Bundaberg Qld, heading south for a wedding in Victoria. We agreed to catch up when they arrived in Victoria.

Then the pandemic hit, just when they arrived and the lockdown started. Still keen to be involved, as soon as the restrictions were eased Phil & Kim visited the Mitcham office for an interview and to get the details of what was needed to start volunteering.

Currently they are off getting their White Card certification and when borders open will be back on the road to volunteer on region projects and safari teams around the nation. If you catch up with them on a project in the coming months say 'giddyay' and make them feel welcome. Thanks for volunteering to serve with MMM Phil and Kim.



How God Provides

In Early March, just as the Pandemic was making its presence felt in Australia we were contacted by a friend of the Price Family in Victoria, Margaret Hortin, regarding her late husband's tools.

With Geoff and his team busy on a project site CEO Terrence Baxter scheduled a visit to see just what was on offer and if/how we could use them. When he first visited, Margaret showed him into the garage to explain what was available. It was a jaw dropping moment as she showed Terrence around \$20,000 worth of tools and equipment filling the garage.

With the assistance of Owen Bayliss for the first load, Kim Roediger for the second load, and Geoff Jarvis for the third load, this amazing gift of tools, equipment, and consumables has been received by MMM with a grateful heart and transported to our Mitcham warehouse. It is now being catalogued by volunteer Carlo Gilletti and will then be either utilised to replace aging or needed equipment by MMM Vic, and the National Build-A-Bond teams, or will be sold on-line as a fundraising effort.

What can we say about such an amazingly generous gift other than this is the Grace of God delivered through the generous heart of one of His faithful people.

Thank You Margaret!



His Provision Continues

In Late May CEO Terrence Baxter visited the Melbourne office of his brother Paul's business (now living in SE Qld) to inspect a 'couple of items' being offered for use as he was closing the office here.

What a blessing it was as item after item was offered to the Mission, including an unused HP Server, chairs, tables, data racks, shelving, fridge, microwave, and on it goes! Some will be used for internal purposes, and some will be sold on-line as fundraising. How Good is our God? – Well, you certainly can't measure the goodness of God, you can just experience it!

Thank you to **Paul and Active Communications** for your generous contribution.



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Answered Prayers

Our prayers are being answered! Thank-you to each and every one of you who joins us in praying for the various needs of MMM Australia, we appreciate you more than you know. Prayer underpins everything we do here at MMM, enabling us to do the work God has called us to do: serving others which in turn enables them to continue the work of sharing the Gospel, making disciples and building God's Kingdom. We only have space to list a few of the ways God is answering our prayers, but He is moving in so many ways. I hope these testimonies encourage you.

The Bible says in 1 Peter 3:12a *"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer"*. And in 1 John 5:14 *"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us"*.

Testimony from David Meadows



Isaiah 38:5 (*I have heard your prayer*) became a favourite of mine in 2011 after I was diagnosed with Duke's C or D colon cancer and had organised my funeral service, when I realised that I was being healed. Towards the close of 2019 it seemed that the converse of "hearing my prayers" were true. I had advertised in the MMM Team News October 2019 edition (*below*), for tradesmen to come to East Africa.

Tradesman Wanted for Uganda Opportunity
For details contact David Meadows (Tas)
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When I told people in November 2019 that I had no volunteers and was sure that God was not answering my prayers for tradesmen, but I was going anyway and had bought my ticket, two men individually contacted me. Kevin went and got the roof on Kibwa school before the rains came. Martin went and sorted out problems with the Nzara and Yei hospitals electrical supplies. Both were back home before the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions were in place - just. Thankyou gentlemen, for your skills, personal donations of money and time and thank you to your wives and families for their part in your work. My testimony, as Robyn wrote in March 2020 PrayerForce, is that prayers made according to God's will are always answered. His word for us all today is "I have heard your prayer". Our task is to act on it and believe it!

MMM Head Office

Prayer Requests: Pray for creative fundraising ideas during this season where our events and fundraising dinners have had to be postponed. These activities are essential to the financial needs of MMM. **AND** Pray for the finances of MMM, for openness to God's leading in the area of giving and support. Pray that those who are in a position to give will be open to God's prompting.

Answer: We have asked you to pray for continued donations throughout this season and that God would give us alternative ways to fundraise to meet our operation budget. This was due to needing to postpone our Fundraising Dinners and other Fundraising Events. We put out a COVID-19 Fundraising Appeal Letter and have had a tremendous response. We praise God for His incredible provision and people's open hearts who gave so generously. **Thank-you!**

Testimony from Hendrik Alberts

Prayer Requested: WA - Pray for the Region Committee Chair Hendrik Alberts who has received a diagnosis of lung cancer. Pray for God's healing, pray for strength and comfort for Hendrik and his family during this difficult time.

Answer: As of April 14th Hendrik had completed his 1st round of chemo with no side effects at all, Praise God. He was feeling really good and felt lifted up by the many prayers being prayed for him. As of 3rd June, he is currently undergoing his 2nd round of chemo and has faced a few challenges, but having some good results. He would like to thank everyone who has been praying for him and is deeply appreciative of your prayers. He is seeing God move in His situation. Let's continue to cover Hendrik in prayer.



Queensland MMM Centre

Prayer Requested: Pray for the sale of garage sale items from their shed which they are advertising online. Pray they would sell successfully and at good prices. Pray for additional donations through this avenue.

Answer: Garage sale items have been selling really well during this season. It has been such a blessing that our QLD MMM centre has been able to sell garage sale items and continue to raise funds for the work of MMM Australia. Here are a few pics of items they have sold.

