

Devotional

Where are you investing?

We have an opportunity to focus on; what matters most at the end of our life? What are we investing our talents, time and finances into? Is it God's Kingdom, which is eternal, or the kingdom of the world which is right now?

During the famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus made the following statement:

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' (Matthew 6:19-21).

When we are giving of our time, talents and finances to serve God, we are storing up treasures for ourselves and we are helping others to come into God's Kingdom.

Whatever we do for God's Kingdom in this life is credited to our account in heaven.

An example of what happens to those who store up treasures for themselves on earth is found in Luke 12. This story is about a rich man who had such a large crop he didn't have enough room to store it, so he planned to build bigger barns, so he would have food for years to come, could put up his feet and take life easy. He had no intention to be generous or share his blessing's with others. God's response is in v21-22 : 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.'

Remember, in relation to Heaven, 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.'(I Corinthians 2:9). The realities of Heaven far exceed any of our misconceptions!

What does your eternal investment look like? I encourage you to use your time, talent and treasure on this earth to build things that last for eternity.

Robyn Fedrick National Prayer Coordinator

International Prayer News

In these trying and unprecedented times the management of operations around COVID-19 pandemic restrictions has placed additional stress and strains on MMM Centres across our nation and around the world. Yet, in the midst of this we have seen God continue to provide for and protect our staff and volunteers, we have found new ways of doing things that have widened our ability to engage with people, especially in our prayer gatherings.

We have been blessed to share our prayer meetings across the Tasman with MMM New Zealand using the Zoom technology. MMM Australia CEO Terrence Baxter has been privileged to participate in the MMM NZ prayer times and MMM NZ National Director Howard Robinson has connected with the MMM Australia prayer meeting.

We need to continue to pray for our centres around the nations in New Zealand, Fiji, Hong Kong, Thailand, Zambia, and South Africa.

- ◆ Pray for their financial needs.
- ◆ Pray for the health and wellbeing of staff and volunteers.
- ◆ Pray for safe operations and protection against viral infection.
- ◆ Pray for a speedy return to full operations.
- ◆ Pray for wisdom and guidance for National leaders, the National Boards, and key leaders.
- ◆ Pray for more workers; *'The fields are white unto harvest but the labourers are few'*.
- ◆ Pray for gifted staff to fill roles needed to build and operate the ministry effectively.
- ◆ Pray for prayer leaders who will lead the teams in every nation in prayer.
- ◆ Give thanks to God for all He is doing around the world through the work of MMM. God is still in control.

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1 Pray for a smooth and speedy transition back to full project activity, as restrictions ease and we are able to start getting projects going again. Pray for good planning and people to be available for these projects.

2 Pray for good health and safety as project work recommences across Australia. Pray for the implementation of MMM COVID-19 Safe Work Methods which are now required on all work sites going forward. Pray for cooperation in respecting these new boundaries to keep our volunteers and staff safe.

3 Continue to pray for our National Patron; Steve Grace and wife Kerrie, for God's provision for their every need. Pray for Steve's finances as opportunities to perform have ceased and will be unavailable until large groups are able to meet again. Pray God will make a way for them, for protection and encouragement.

4 Pray for our monthly prayer groups being conducted online via Zoom. Pray for wisdom and sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit as we pray. Praise God for a great May fellowship with over 21 joining from around the nation and New Zealand! Pray for more volunteers to step up to pray, prayer underpins everything we do and is key to our ability to fulfil God's call.

5 Praise God for the positive response to MMM's COVID-19 appeal and the generous donations received. Pray for ongoing donations in response to the Appeal to help us reach the goal of meeting our operational budget. Pray God will stir the hearts of those in a position to donate to contribute to the appeal.

6 Pray for our Region Manager's, John and Anne Cooper (QLD), Geoff Jarvis (VIC), Shane and Ruth Goelst (TAS), Trevor & Karen Beard (WA), Greg & Robyn Jackson (NSW). Pray for Godly wisdom as they restart projects, 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.

7 Pray for the next Board meeting scheduled for Thursday 11th June. Pray for God's wisdom & guidance as decisions are made for the governance of MMM, particularly around the implementation of COVID-19 Work Safe Measures for each State & Territory.

8 Pray for new additional Board members, with appropriate skills to come forward for available positions on the Board. Pray God would stir the hearts of the people He is calling to serve on the Board, that they would have a heart after God and the commitment to serve.

9 Thank God for His protection over MMM volunteers and staff during this pandemic. Pray for continued good health and protection for all MMM staff and volunteers as restrictions are slowly eased and we start to commence operations.

10 Pray for wisdom and guidance in the administration and stewardship of our finances. Pray for God's direction as decisions are made in how to best use the finances He has provided. Pray God would continue to provide for the work He has called us to do.

11 Pray for the National office staff and volunteers. Pray for Rachel Littlechild, Kim Roediger, Flora Fung, Dave Kenyon, Robyn Fedrick & Sutha Jayanthan. Pray for direction in all they do. Pray for blessing for each and every one.

12 Pray for a sense of excitement and engagement in upcoming activities and events as they are restarted. Pray for availability of volunteers, for unity and connection in our teams as they come together again to work on various projects throughout the nation.

13 Pray for our CEO Terrence Baxter, as he leads our organisation through the easing of restrictions & new COVID-19 Work Safe Methods. Pray that God would bring a renewing of strength and refreshment to enable him to lead MMM Australia into this new season.

14 Pray for our leaders in Government, our Prime Minister and National Cabinet, for Godly wisdom in the decisions they are making for our nation, states and territories as to the safest way to ease restrictions. Pray for unity and for strength to endure the tremendous pressures they are facing daily.

15 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).

16 Pray for more people to hear the call to work with MMM, for volunteers to come forward in each state who are able to commit regular time to serve. Volunteers are needed in projects, team leaders, prayer, administration, fundraising, ambassador's etc.

17 Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for each of the Board for insight into the direction and plans for MMM. Pray for the Board Chair - Dale Richardson, Secretary - Matthew Smith, Directors - Melanie McGrice, Rod McGarvie, Dale Stephens and Craig Goldsmith.

18 Praise God for the finalisation of Government Funding Support and the contribution this makes towards meeting our operational budget.

19 Pray for our clients and those we support through this ministry. Many have been severely impacted in their operations and finances. Pray as restrictions ease that God would make a way for them to move forward, pray for God's provision, protection and encouragement.

20 Pray for each person involved with MMM, that they would know God's closeness and find their strength and joy in God. Pray for a deepening in their relationship with God during this season.