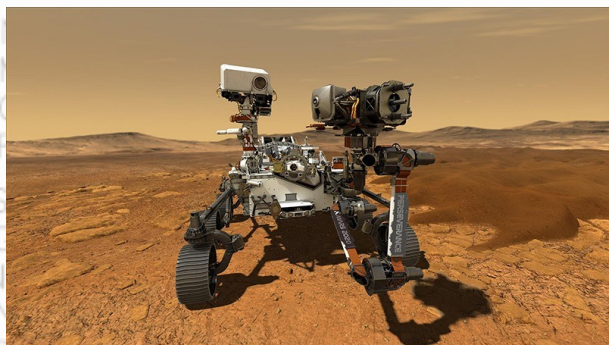




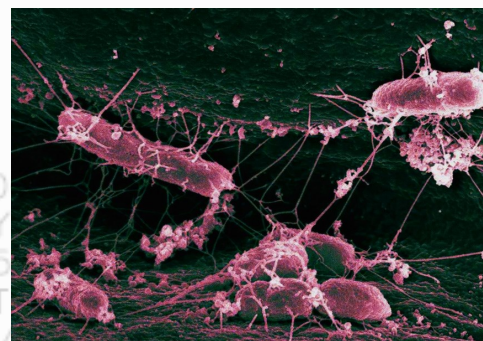
## SIGNS OF LIFE



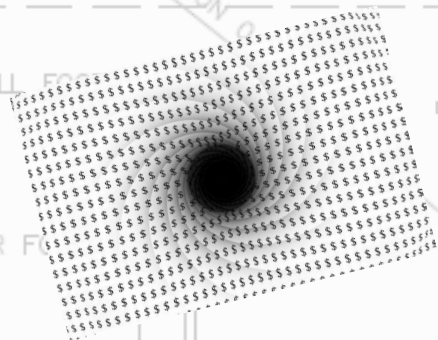
I've been intrigued in the past month or so to observe the latest space launch from NASA to the planet Mars where they plan to land in an ancient crater and look for any signs of life. They're not looking for Martians, they're looking for minute microbes in the soil and rock where water once existed. From these tiny samples they will determine what (*if any*) protein based life cells may have once survived. This endeavour is expensive but they believe they will better understand our own world if they can study such things in other worlds.

You might be asking right now "What has this to do with MMM?" – the answer is nothing really, except the inspiring vision of seeing the smallest signs of life and realising the potential isn't lost on me. In the midst of the worst health crisis our nation has experienced in our lifetime we are able to look positively and see the **signs of life** in our ministry across the nation. Lockdown is difficult and something MMM has never experienced, from late March we basically shut down our operations for 2 months to ensure the safety of all volunteers and clients. Some were asking if MMM would ever recover and thrive again!

As CEO, I can say with a grateful heart "God's grace has continued to sustain us through these difficult times." Many have been praying fervently across the nation for our ministry, and God has answered in so many ways. Whilst men will look on Mars for signs of life in the rocks and the dust we know that the best place to look for signs of life is in what God is doing. As I write this Victoria has just entered into six weeks of total lockdown and our natural instinct is to see the negative. We will emerge stronger and more resilient to complete what God has called us to do.



Throughout the rest of the nation work is commencing again on projects, In the midst of these lockdowns the first all South Australian team in many years completed a project at Andrews Farm Community Church, John Cooper and the Queensland team have completed projects in and around Brisbane, Shane Goelst and the Tasmanian volunteers have been completing projects across the north of the Apple Isle, and way out west Rod Heape has been busy on several projects in the south west of Western Australia.



Throughout this period from early March we lost the ability to conduct many of our normal fundraising events and activities. We were looking at a substantial hole in our funding, but again through the grace of God He has provided in ways we could never imagine. In the June edition of TeamNews we reported "*We have seen God move mightily in this area*". In Proverbs 13:22 God's word says that '*the wealth of the wicked is stored up for the righteous*'. We shared some stories of How God has provided, sometimes even before we could ask! God has continued to provide for us and we will continue to tell the stories of His goodness and Grace.

Inside this edition of TeamNews I hope you'll find some encouraging stories of what God is doing, these are the **signs of life** that God is at work and encourage us to double our efforts in this Mission and Ministry.

Blessings to all

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# Project Opportunities

## Time for Volunteers to Head Out Again

As we emerge from the shadow of the Covid-19 pandemic we once again need volunteers out and about on projects in each state. We have a Covid-19 Safe Work Methods plan that is implemented on every site to ensure the risk is minimized and our volunteers can work in safety. Now is the time to re-engage with your Region Managers to see where you are needed and how you can help.



### Victoria



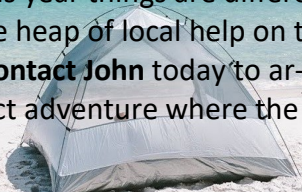
Although we are in lockdown in Victoria for the next couple of months, we have a long list of projects ready to launch into when the gates are open again. Geoff Jarvis needs more volunteers for a long list of projects in both Victoria and South Australia. Put your hand up and your heart in - **Contact Geoff** and let him know you're available and willing.

### Queensland



## THINGS TO DO IN QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA

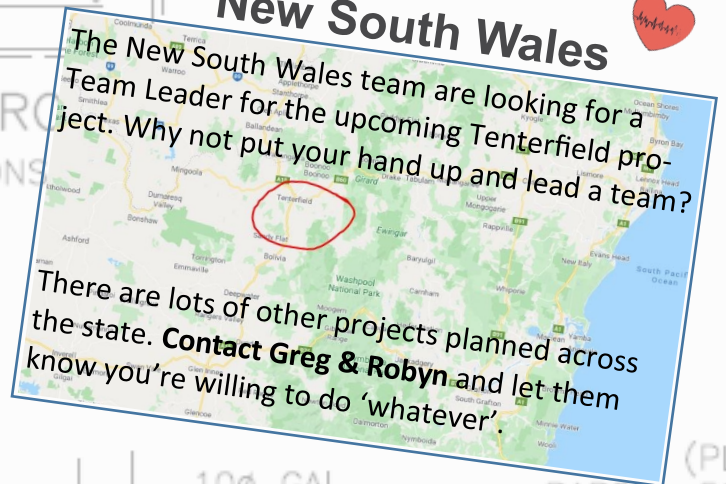
John and Anne usually have a lot of help from "Southern State-ers" in the sunshine state for the winter months, this year things are different and they need a whole heap of local help on the projects coming up. **Contact John** today to arrange your next project adventure where the sun is shining



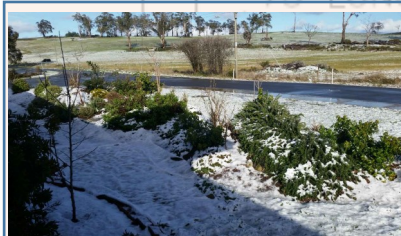
### New South Wales



The New South Wales team are looking for a Team Leader for the upcoming Tenterfield project. Why not put your hand up and lead a team? There are lots of other projects planned across the state. **Contact Greg & Robyn** and let them know you're willing to do 'whatever'.



### Tasmania



Things might be frozen in Tassie right now but project work is still on the go. **Speak to Ruth or Shane** about where you can serve, it's a great way to warm up on a chilly Tassie morning. Join Shane on the next project and experience the Joy of blessing others.

### Western Australia



Most of the time Rod Heape works on projects with little or no help, it's time the team in Western Australia stands up to be counted. If you can help on any projects, why not commit to serving alongside Rod and experience all that serving has to offer. **Contact Trevor or Rod today!!!**





## Andrews Farm

In July this year a team led by long-time SA MMM volunteer; Terry Owers, completed a project at Andrews Farm Community Church in the northern reaches of Adelaide. This was the first "all South Australian" team in a decade to take on and complete a project. - Signs of Life -

Thanks Terry and Jill for your faithful support along with many others in South Australia keeping the MMM flags flying. Here are a few pics from the team at work.



## Ready to Stay Home

One of our key corporate supporters has been Segue Financial Services (*pronounced 'seg-way'*) who have supported MMM financially (and in prayer) for several years now.

Not everything has to be about cash, and Joy & Russell Smith, along with practice manager Nadine have been there with practical help when we needed it the most.

Earlier this year Segue Financial donated five brand new laptops to MMM to replace some ageing PC's we had been using for many years. These were distributed to key personnel who were extremely grateful for the support. They were all delivered and working by early March, and then COVID-19 hit and we were forced to work from home! **Praise God**, everyone who needed to work remotely now had the right tools to securely link into our IT network.

Matthew 6: 8 tells us "*your Father knows what you need before you ask Him*", and in this case He provided through Segue the means to work effectively through the lockdown period. Thank you Nadine, Russell & Joy for your faithfulness and generosity.

A short note to let our Queensland team know, the **September Garage Sale** fundraiser will be held at Mango Hill on September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Queenslanders - Get the message out to your churches, friends, and family. Great bargains and a great time to be enjoyed. - If you can assist with setup or on the day, contact Anne Cooper.



## The Grace of Giving

In March and April this year we were assessing the financial impact of the pandemic declaration and the isolation restrictions imposed to stem the spread of this virus. We needed a miracle as we wound back all project work, ceased all fundraising activities, and isolated in our homes.

After much prayer and thought, following the Easter break, we launched a special appeal to let people know our needs and invited everyone to pray and seek God on how they should help. We were at risk of emptying our bank account very quickly! **Praise God**, He has provided through many faithful people responding, our expectations have been exceeded through the generosity of His faithful people. We have paid every bill, met every need, and experienced the blessing of God.

**Thank you to everyone** who prays for us, thank you to everyone who has given through this difficult period, your faithfulness has made the difference. We still have a long way to go through this terrible pandemic, but it's been good to know God hears our prayers and His people are faithful.





## National Day of Prayer



On Sunday October 4th we have planned a National Day of Prayer for MMM Australia. On this day we are asking everyone associated with MMM to set aside just 30 minutes to pray for MMM between 6:00am and 10:00pm. As in previous years we are also encouraging all of our volunteers and staff to approach their local church and ask if they can put aside 2 minutes of their Church service, on that Sunday, to pray for MMM. Would you consider doing this?

We would love for you to register with us your commitment to pray with us on that day. You can do this by emailing us at [prayer@mmm.org.au](mailto:prayer@mmm.org.au) and let us know (if you can) the times you will be praying. We would love to hear if your church will be praying for us in their service. A Prayer Guide of things to pray about will be distributed closer to the date. If you've registered with us, we will email you a copy or alternately contact the office on (03) 9837 2700 and we will organise to mail you out a copy.



## Prayer Groups

This issue we are featuring our prayer group in Devonport, Tasmania who meet monthly to pray for the needs of MMM. Our prayer groups aren't just about prayer, they are a time to connect, spend time together and support one another. If

you would like to be a part of a prayer group or would like to host one, we would love to hear from you. There are local groups you can join, or if there isn't one in your area, or you are in lockdown, we run a monthly group via Zoom on-line. You can contact us at [prayer@mmm.org.au](mailto:prayer@mmm.org.au) or ring the office for details.



## Interview with Gloria Scott

**How long has the Devonport prayer group been running?** - Our prayer fellowship commenced before we became fully involved as Devonport, Ulverstone and Sheffield combined in the mid 90's.

**How did Graham and yourself come to lead the prayer group?** - We became coordinators after some older members were unable to continue around 2012.

**What inspires you to keep praying?** - Hearing amazing answers to prayer, plus the fellowship with other MMMer's.

**What would you say to those considering becoming a prayer partner with MMM?** - Prayer is most important, and to let others see the value and blessing prayer brings to each of us as we focus on the ministry of MMM.

**How has being a part of this group blessed you?** - Sharing with our MMM friends is a really precious and bonding time.

**Is there anything else you would like to share about the group?** - We look forward to each monthly prayer meeting. To be encouraged and blessed as we pray for God's blessing on the ministry of MMM as we 'serve those who serve'.

Pictured above: Jack and Adriana Vanderwal, John & Diane de Jonge, Graham & Gloria Scott

Others not pictures include: Lance & Marie Reeve, David & Kathy Scrimgeour Nigel Anderson

