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# MMMTEAMNews

AUSTRALIA

## The Long Journey

I can remember as a kid going on holidays with the family. My parents would pack us all into the car in what seemed like the middle of the night and we would set off on interstate holidays. It seemed such a long journey that would never end! Countless hours in the car watching white post's go by.... with the obligatory "are we there yet?" I'm sure we drove our parents to the brink!

As we grow older we learn more and we realise that some of life's journeys take time, you can't rush them. You discover that when you complete the (*metaphoric*) journey the lessons learned along the way actually shape our lives for years to come. We learn and we grow through what can be the long, lonely hours, days, weeks, in the journey of life.



For the past 6 years (*almost*) I've been sitting in the chair as CEO of MMM, and sometimes it just seems a long endless journey to achieve the goals we want to achieve. For me personally the most difficult thing is to find the balance between being aggressive and patient with the financial turnaround needed for MMM. This is what I mean when I refer to "**The Long Journey**", but we still have a way to go, and I find myself asking "are we there yet?"

One thing I realise is that this journey isn't a straight road, it's had lots of twist and turns, lots of hills and valleys and it certainly isn't a journey anyone should undertake on their own. It can bury you if you try to undertake it without a team around you.

The financial journey for MMM has been difficult, but we have had great partners and supporters that have helped along the way. This year we wanted to recognise their support, and so as I've travelled around and met with our key supporters I've had the joyous privilege of presenting a small token of our appreciation. So here I want to thank them again for their on-going support and assistance. I want to recognise them here, and whilst I would love to have a photo of each one that just isn't possible. This image is Phill Edwards, the CEO of Vision Radio in Brisbane receiving their plaque from MMM. Everyone we have recognised needs to be mentioned here:

**Vision Radio**, Phil Edwards and the team at Vision Media are outstanding partners with MMM

**Moore's Legal**, Andy Boer and his team who provide all of our legal advice and some financial support.

**Segue Financial Services**, Joy & Russell Smith have supported us financially.

**Glenn Hannah Transport**, Glenn & Chris Hannah have been supporting MMM for many years with logistic support and financially.



Can I encourage you with one thing to round off this brief article, we can't do this alone. We need our partners and we need you! As a faith based mission we depend on God to supply all our needs, and we know that God chooses to use people to fulfil his purposes. All you need to do is allow God to use you. We've come a long way on our journey, but we still have a way to go, will you partner with us on that journey?

Terrence Baxter



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# Project Opportunities

For specific information regarding any of these project opportunities please contact the Region Manager responsible for the project.

<b>QD-19-936</b>	QLD	MMM Mango Hill Caravan Parking Pad	Volunteer team Needed
September 2019			
<b>WA-19-934</b>	WA	Wattle Grove Christian Campsite	Caravan Safari
August 2019		Maintenance and painting of campsite facilities	
<b>WA-19-936</b>	WA	Esperance Bay of Isles Church – Building Maintenance	Caravan Safari
18-25 Sep 2019			
<b>VC-19-981</b>	VIC	Church of Christ Bible College	Volunteers urgently needed
3-7 Sep 2019		Various maintenance projects across the site	
<b>VC-19-888</b>	VIC	Betel Australia (WEC) Yellingbo	Volunteers needed
1-5 Oct 2019		install Alum windows, restore timber verandah Caravans welcome, Bunk beds available if needed	
<b>VC-18-834</b>	VIC	Belgrave Heights Convention Centre	Full Team needed
14-25 Oct 2019		A-Frame Cabin modifications	
<b>VC-19-884</b>	VIC	The Lighthouse Church Morwell.	Full Team needed
18-29 Nov 2019		Conversion of admin facility to 2 bedroom accommodation unit	
<b>VC-19-915</b>	VIC	The Lighthouse Church Morwell	Project Team needed
18-29 Nov 2019		Replacement of existing disability ramps	
<b>TS-19-917</b>	TAS	Riverbend Youth Centre	Full Team needed
16-Sept 2019		Installation of new gymnasium floor	
<b>TS-18-839</b>	TAS	GLO Ministries; Smithton	Full Team needed
27 – 30 Jan 2020		General maintenance at Smithton	
<b>TS-19-897</b>	TAS	St James Presbyterian, Stanley	Full Team needed
17 – 21 Feb 2020		External Painting of the church building	
<b>NW-19-877</b>	NSW	Doyalson Baptist	Full Team needed
2 -13 Sep 2019		Installation of a suspended ceiling and new doors	Contact Phill Hall
<b>NW-18-776</b>	NSW	Attunga Campsite	Volunteers needed
18 -27 Sep 2019		Construction and various maintenance needs	Contact Ian Dawson

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<b>NW-19-877</b>	NSW	Doyalson Baptist	Full Team needed
2 -13 Sep 2019		Installation of a suspended ceiling and new doors	Contact Phill Hall
<b>VC-18-842</b>	NSW	Cobram Christian Outreach Centre	Team needed
7-18 Oct 2019		Install ceiling insulation batts and lights and build a timber stage .	Contact Paul Barnham
<b>NW-18-853</b>	NSW	Katoomba Christian Convention Centre	Full Team needed
11 Nov 2019		General maintenance and facilities upkeep.	

# EXPERIENCE an MMM Missions Awareness Tour to Thailand

Find out more or join a MAT team today

**Interested in joining an MMM Missions Awareness Tour to beautiful Thailand?**

Our November MAT is fully booked, but we have another planned for March/April 2020.

If you want to know more, please visit our website and look at the MAT page under "Get Involved".

## 2020 Top-End Safari



Are you interested in joining the Top-End Safari team for the 2020 work projects in the Northern Territory and the far north of Western Australia?

(May through August 2020)

Contact [projects@mmm.org.au](mailto:projects@mmm.org.au) and register your interest.





## It's a Team Race

*"And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. 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 have noticed that many of our volunteers are getting tired. This is not just because we have had many projects to complete, but also because we are all getting older. The average age of our volunteers would be 70 and over. This leaves us with the questions.... *How do we encourage one another to persevere? How do we encourage younger volunteers to sign up?*

We all need to think about our race. How can we enable each other to run? And how can we enable ourselves to continue? The scriptures tell us to let go of anything that weighs us down and to be disciplined and intentional. To me, that means exercise. I need to exercise to increase my fitness. What does it mean for you?

We are all in this together. We all need to be looking out for younger volunteers to take up the baton. Can you see anyone in your church who might be keen? Do you know anyone who might like to be contacted and sent some newsletters? Can you put a poster up in your church?



**Terrigal Presbyterian Team**



The NSW Team have completed 9 projects so far this year. The recent ones were Nyngan, Wallsend and Terrigal. All 3 churches were thrilled with the results and all commented on the spirit of the teams and the joy that was evident. When we work together like we do, God commands a blessing. It is so encouraging to the congregations but also for each other.

We are having our 2nd **Garage Sale** on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>. Many people are working hard to make this a success. With lots of support from local churches and MMM people we have had lots of donations and it should be a great day.

Growing a support base takes time....but we are steadily getting there! 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'.

**Get involved.... Get others involved.**





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## Kobeelya a Place of Healing

Kobeelya is a ministry owned and operated by the Katanning Baptist Church since 1986. It is a very special place located amidst the undulating farming land of the Great Southern region of WA. Occupying six acres of parkland, Kobeelya offers a relaxed and tranquil atmosphere away from the pressures of urban life. It is ideal for retreats, camps, singles' weekends and seniors' holidays.



MMM was approached by Heather M<sup>c</sup>Carley Manager, to see if we could assist them in the painting of their Kitchen Hall, which the Katanning Baptist Church had been using for meetings while maintenance was being carried out on their building. After a window of opportunity was found in their bookings the project was locked into the MMM Schedule. Unfortunately with some last minute changes, a couple of Volunteers were unable to make the trip, but Rod Heape still loaded the MMM ute with brushes and trays and drove down to Kobeelya, keen to see the job done.



**Rod**



Over a two-week period the internal walls and ceiling of the hall was washed and scrapped cleaned, holes puttied and filled, then painted top to bottom. *"The finish brightened and refreshed the whole area, what a wonderful job"* (John Harris – KBC Minister) Rod enjoyed the fellowship and the opportunity to share about the ministry of MMM with both the Katanning Baptist Church congregation and those working and meeting at the Kobeelya Conference Centre. He was also taken out to, and viewed a property that the Katanning Baptist Church manage and run, with all revenue made given directly to Missions, a great example of God's people banding together and using their resources and talents to help and assist others in ministry. We serve a God of Provision.

Kobeelya Conference Centre was one of the projects that Rod and a Team of MMM Volunteers were on in 1990, so it was exciting to return and

revisit a ministry that had been served in the past. Looking into the future Kobeelya are keen to have MMM return, as their ministry continues to expand and buildings are always in need of maintenance and repair.



**Eating Out**



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## Riverlands Church, Gayndah

We arrived at Riverlands ACC church to find all the preparation on the building had been completed which was such a blessing. The walls had been sanded back and primed and the building washed and ready to paint. The retired

builder Col, who is a member of the church and who had the building ready for us, also joined in helping us. The team members were Peter and Lyn Groves, Helen May, Graham and Pamela Passmore, Ian and Marg Knowles and John and Anne Cooper. Rob and Shirley Saunders also joined us during the first week which was

a lovely blessing for us all.

The job was to paint the exterior and renew some guttering, paint the kitchen and meeting area inside the church building and paint the separate toilet block. We were treated to fabulous hospitality from Rod and Jan Best the pastors and members of the church family especially Sandy and Donnie, who also shared morning tea and lunch with us every day. Pamela Passmore prepared a series of devotions centred on Nehemiah which inspired us all and prompted many thoughts and conversations. Some opened their homes to us, where we shared afternoon tea, lovely conversation and Origin night.

Many hands make light work and the project was finished earlier than planned so the team had some time off to explore the Burnett region, with a plan to meet at Durong for the next project.

We all left Gayndah having gone to be a blessing, feeling so blessed ourselves. It was certainly one of those special projects that spur us on to love and good works, in Jesus.



Pamela & Marg



### GARAGE SALE UPDATE

The garage sale that was planned for the 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September will not go ahead due to insufficient goods at the moment. The next garage sale will be planned for after summer.

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## It All Started with a Thought

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, a group of people from various areas of Queensland, as well as several groups from Victoria, all met together at Ararat Presbyterian church in Victoria, signaling the start of the Wildflower Safari headed to Western Australia.

People from various walks of experience, had volunteered to work their way across the nation. As I write this, the Safari has finished with the Eastern side of the nation and have started on the projects requested in the west. They are currently in Western Australia, being guided by Rod Heape.

As the first work day of Ararat Presbyterian church approached, MMM was also asked to help at the local Church of Christ. So the team was split up into two projects at the same time. Simultaneous jobs occurred three times in the first leg of the Safari. One of the first things I noticed was how quickly, this group of people gelled together, making a tight knit group early into the projects. The freezing cold and rain, did not seem to affect our northern cousins, but some Victorians became sick in the first week and took a few weeks to dry out. This included Region Manager Geoff, who was the first to become unwell.

Other projects completed were in South Australia; Mundulla, Peake, Sherlock, Wasleys, Mannum and Port Augusta. Port Augusta is a Mission church from the days of the Umewarra Mission in South Australia. This is where we achieved the most work. It is at this church that the ladies" volunteered" to sing one of the hymns as an item, in the evening service. Other churches were blessed by Peter and Joan playing keyboard/piano for two other church services. Serving those that serve, is much more than building/maintenance work.



MMM Ladies



Trevor



Curtain makers



Sherlock ramp



Peake Team

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Trivia Night is fast approaching. Please note that the 2019 TRIVIA Night date is now Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year to make working on projects possible, here in Victoria and South Australia.

Garage Sale items are now being accepted at MMM in Mitcham VIC. Our next Garage sale is November 16th. We can not accept lounge suites, electrical appliances, or items non suitable for re-sale.

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## Bookstores and Op Shops

How can helping out with bookstores and op shops possibly fulfil the criterion by which we determine whether to do a job or not? Well, our vision statement says that we “exist to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ by building, renovating and maintaining facilities used in Christian outreach.” We are to “support and encourage Christian work and workers.” And that’s exactly what we’ve been doing during the last couple of months in our work with Koorong Bookstores and Shekinah House. We were very sorry to have to help with the closure of the Koorong store in Hobart but very happy to help update and improve the Launceston store with some of the fittings from the Hobart store.



Koorong Bookstores is owned by the Bible Society and all their profits go to spread the Word of God across the world. Other fittings from the Hobart store and the shelving taken out of the Launceston store have been used to upgrade the Shekinah House op shop. Shekinah House provide ‘Hope for the Homeless’ in Launceston by providing meals, toiletries and blankets alongside the love of Christ.

More shelving is ready to fit in the Teen Challenge op shop who offer help and advice to individuals and

family with drug issues, as well as Bibles and prayer. Even the Worldview Centre for Intercultural Studies (WEC) has benefited with new shelving for their library for students as they prepare to go out on the mission field across the world. What a privilege to be a small part of all of this as we continue to ‘serve those who serve’.



**Bibles for Launceston**

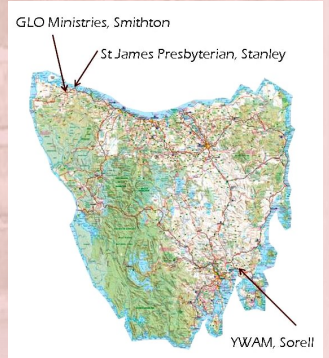


**Shop Fitting**

## A Working Holiday in Tasmania

Tasmania is a beautiful state. If you would like to enjoy the superb scenery during our best weather and do a bit of work on the side then our summer project program could be for you. Starting on the far northwest coast in the township of Smithton on January 27<sup>th</sup>, we’ll be helping GLO Ministries with maintenance on their old buildings. Take a couple of weeks break to look around this picturesque end of Tassie before joining us again at the old fashioned town of Stanley to paint St James Presbyterian church.

Over the next three weeks make your way across and down to the southern end of the state to the YWAM base at Sorell to help with their accommodation needs and maintenance. There’s plenty of room to park your van at each site and so much to see and do in between projects. Contact Shane and Ruth at [mmmtas@mmm.org.au](mailto:mmmtas@mmm.org.au) or on 0438 016 961 if you’d like to know more.



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# MMM-Thai NEWS



## Helping Build A Sustainable Future

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

We praise God for his faithfulness over our lives and ministry here in Thailand. God is always good and he always gives us what we need to go through storms that come our way. He is on our side and he fights for us. He blesses our work when we commit it to him. We can't wait until we have our own land and building to do what MMM has potential to do. Even though the process of land buying is going forward slowly, we have faith in his time, it will be done. Psalms 91:1 gives a good caption of what we feel in this season in our ministry.

The past few months, Pedro has been busy helping at S2S with small and big projects. The small project he worked on, is extending the kitchen area in the girl's house.

The big project he worked on, is building a hydroponic greenhouse for S2S. Pedro drew and designed the greenhouse plan. He also led the team

of the young boys and girls from S2S and the team from Northway, Pennsylvania, America to help build this project. It was a community effort to get this work done but Pedro is the main person who managed to see the work finish well and put an immense amount of effort into the job. We are blessed to have Pedro as our project manager! He is so gifted in what he does. He is a hard worker, a great project manager, and a good mentor.

We are blessed to be a part of this journey of building the hydroponic greenhouse with S2S. Not only will the kids be able to learn a new life skill through this project, they will also become much more sustainable being able to save precious finances by growing their own vegetables.

We are forever grateful for MMM Australia's support and prayer. We can't do what we do without your help and you standing with us.



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## Praying daily is the most important thing you can do.!

QLD	Praise for the winter safari team getting the projects done to a high standard
WA	We are keen to build a Team of Volunteers, who can assist on Projects 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
HQ	Pray for our National Associates Co-ordinators Peter & Glenda Holliday.
TAS	Praise God that Lance Reeve is recovering well after a medical procedure.
HQ	Pray for our Finance Admin Flora as she prepares for the Audit team coming in Mid-September.
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.
VIC	Give thanks for total safety on the Wildflower Safari to date.
NSW	Please pray for our plan to restructure the Team Leader program now that Phill Hall will be stepping back next year. Pray for more volunteers to take up leadership roles.
QLD	Praise for Ian Cross working with the QLD team in August, from NZ MMM.
TAS	Praise God for new people interested in the work of MMM in Tasmania.
QLD	Prayer: Jim Nelson as he mourns the loss of Marie Ann and adjusts to life without her.
HQ	Pray for more admin volunteers needed for a variety of functions in our National HQ.
Board	Pray for the Board as they meet together on Friday September 6 <sup>th</sup> .
HQ	Pray for our CEO ( <i>Terrence Baxter</i> ) and Board Chair ( <i>Dale Richardson</i> ) as they travel to New Zealand for MMM International Alliance meetings in Mid-September
HQ	Pray for our National Prayer co-ordinator ( <i>Helen Bell</i> ) as she co-ordinates another national day of prayer for October 27 <sup>th</sup> .
HQ	Pray for the finances of MMM Australia. Pray specifically on how you can help, let God speak into your heart in this area.

### 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.





Come and Support MMMWA  
Sausage Sizzle

**SAT 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019**

Buy a sausage and drink, have a chat  
or help out  
Cnr Ranford and Wright Rds  
Harrisdale

If you have a few hours to Cook or Serve  
Contact Trevor 0488 399 238  
or Karen 0419 197 695

## Make a Donation

*Support the work of MMM Australia*

## MMM National Day of Prayer

It doesn't matter how you pray  
As Long as you Pray

If you Sit



Nehemia 1:4

Stand



Marcus 11:25  
God's reward

Walk



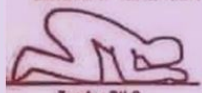
2 Koningen 4:35

Hands up in Worship



1 Timotheüs 2:8

Bow down



Exodus 34:8

Kneel



Lukas 22:41

Lying down



Mattheüs 26:39

**Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

# Trivia? NIGHT?

MMM VIC / SA

**SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

CANTERBURY GARDENS COMMUNITY CHURCH

281 COLCHESTER RD, KILSYTH SOUTH, VIC

6:30 PM START

Tickets **\$15** pp

BYO SNACKS & DRINKS (No alcohol)

RSVP and payment by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

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MAKE UP A TABLE OR WE CAN ADD YOU TO ONE

## MMM (WA) Prayer Meeting

"I want to be so full of Christ that if a  
Mosquito bites me, It flies away singing  
there is Power in the Blood"

Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed every month

7.30pm start

at the MMMWA Centre

33 Furley Rd, Southern River

Joins us as we share and pray

for the needs of the ministry

of "Serving those Who Serve"



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## Stop Praying???

**Matthew 6:7-8** *“And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”*

I wonder what the world would look like if we all stopped praying. There is one thing for certain, I don't really want to find out.

If you ponder that question, then you have to ask the obvious question, “Does prayer make a difference?” I think we have all seen the impact of answered prayers; we have all experienced the Grace of God when things we have prayed for are gifted to us. People healed, lives changed, supplies provided, funds received. God in His grace and mercy answers the prayers of people every minute of every day.

Keep praying  
Keep asking  
Keep searching  
Keep knocking



My son is an electrician, with his own successful business. He knows that I will help him whenever he needs it, and I know that there are times when he is pushed to the limit, but unless he asks, I can't respond. It's like this with God. He knows our needs even before we ask, but we still have to ask! Prayer shows God our reliance on Him, it also demonstrates our commitment no matter what! When we pray it releases God's authority to act in our life, to respond to the situation, and allows God to demonstrate His grace, mercy, and love for us.

MMM remains totally dependent on God for all our needs. We are here because of His grace, and His mercy. As a body of believers we have the responsibility and privilege of bringing our thanks, our praise, and our needs to God in prayer. God is faithful in supplying all our needs. We should **never stop praying** for God's provision in every area of our mission.

On October 27<sup>th</sup> we will be conducting a “National day of Prayer” for MMM. I encourage you to commit to a specific time of prayer on that day for the work of MMM. In recent years we have encouraged people to ask their local church to

pray for MMM in their church service on that day. Just a simple 2 minutes of their service to pray for the work and needs of MMM. Helen Bell, our National Prayer Co-ordinator will have more information about the day of prayer in the coming weeks.

Keep Praying  
Terrence Baxter - CEO

