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AUSTRALIA

The Race is Finished!

In December 2020 following a year of Covid restrictions, project work was resuming across the nations, people were out and about and we were looking forward to a more open and active year in 2021. One project was underway in Tasmania, and the familiar team members were assembled on-site for yet another MMM project in the north of Tasmania. Among the volunteers was Graham Scott, a man who has served on MMM projects and leadership in every part of Australia.

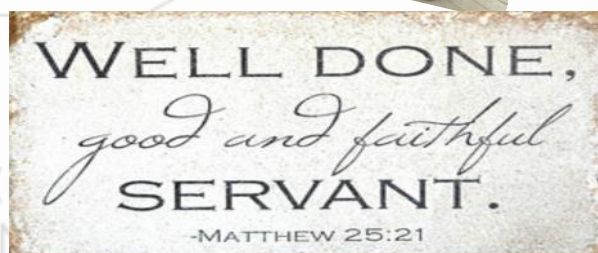
Little were we to know this would be Graham's last project as an MMM Volunteer. Shortly after the new year had begun, tests reveal a brain tumor, with the prognosis that he would require significant surgery and recuperation. In February Graham underwent surgery in Hobart to remove the tumor. With post-surgery complications Graham remained in hospital under treatment for several months, eventually being transferred back to the Mersey Hospital close to their home in Wesley Vale in Tasmania's north. Graham passed into the presence of His Lord on April 29th.



Following a private funeral service for the family a memorial service was held at Camp Clayton in Turners Beach, Tasmania on May 8th which was attended by more than 300 people, paying tribute to a true gentleman. The service focused on Graham's long involvement with MMM and his support and commitment to Camp Clayton. Guest speakers included former MMM National Director - Ivan Gregory, MMM Tasmania Committee member – Darrel House, and MMM CEO – Terrence Baxter.

Graham and Gloria Scott served as Tasmanian Managers, Western Australia Managers (temp), Northern Territory Managers (temp), as well as spending significant time in far north Queensland launching an MMM office in Townsville before returning to Tasmania. Together they served on project teams across Tasmania as well as several MMM Safari Teams to Western Australia, Victoria, and the Northern Territory.

Graham had a gentle nature, and as commented at his memorial service "always had a smile on his face!" He always had an encouraging word in his heart and was committed to prayer for MMM, hosting a prayer fellowship in their Wesley Vale home.



There is so much that could be said about this wonderful man who will be missed by all who knew him. Graham fought the good fight, he finished the race, and he has undoubtedly heard first-hand those wonderful words "Well done good and faithful servant."

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Gloria and the wider Scott family at this sad time. He was much loved and will be greatly missed.

To read more on this amazing servant, see the tribute on the Tasmania page in this edition of TeamNews.



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PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES



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



Busselton Camp Site

Western Australia

Project ID: WA - 21 - 1110

When: June - August

Fresh start campsite Busselton.

Maintenance work.

Volunteers needed

Contact: Trevor Beard

Trevor: 0409 778 799



Wye Camp

NSW

Project ID: NSW - 20- 1066

When: To be advised

Painting camp accommodation and camp repairs

Contact: Barry Campbell

Barry: 0411 884 429



Belgrave South Baptist

Victoria

Project ID: VC - 21 - 1108

When: October

Renovations.

Volunteers needed

Contact: Geoff Jarvis

Geoff: 0400 951 010



Blue Lagoon Campsite

TASMANIA

Project ID: TS-21-1098

When: Spring - To be advised

Painting and Maintenance.

Lots of volunteers needed

Contact: Shane Goelst for details.

Shane: 0439 632 729



Gateway Baptist Church

TASMANIA

Project ID: TS-21-1090

When: Spring -To be advised

Next stage of re-roofing

Contact: Shane Goelst for details.

Shane: 0439 632 729



Newcastle Church

NSW

Project ID: NSW - 19 - 947

When: June 28 – July 9

Paint of interior and high

ceilings

Volunteers needed

Contact: Barry Campbell

Barry: 0411 884 429



Dirranbandi Community Church

QUEENSLAND

Project ID: QD-20-1060

When: July 13—30

Lining interior and Paint Church.

Volunteers needed

Contact: John Cooper for details.

John: 0407 696 298

Check with your local Region Manager for upcoming projects in your state or region.....

TopEnd Safari Update

The TopEnd Safari team have completed their first project in Alice Springs, and have enjoyed a week off on their way to the next couple of projects in Ngukurr Indigenous Community and the Hannuscheck Mission House in Darwin.

Whilst in Alice Springs they visited the Kramer Memorial Church where MMM had its beginnings (*See the pics*).

Please keep the team in your prayers as they travel and work in the Northern Territory over the next few months.

Pray for safety on site and great blessings on all they do together.



Living Hope Church Alice Springs NORTHERN TERRITORY

Project ID: NT-20-1005
When: ~~May 24— June 4~~

Various minor building and maintenance jobs in new building.

Pray for the Team's first project together.

Cross it off the list!

**All Done & Dusted
Great effort by the Team**



Anglican Church House Ngukurr Community NORTHERN TERRITORY

Project ID: NT-20-1072
When: June 14— 25

Internal alterations to create additional accommodation unit.

Pray for the team in this remote community.

Team Leader: Graham Thompson
Give them a call to encourage the team **0418 907524**



Church of Good Shepherd Fred's Pass NORTHERN TERRITORY

Project ID: NT-21-1072
When: June 28— July 9

Painting internal Steel Structure, Cleaning Colorbond, Painting wall inserts and windows.

Team Leader: Peter Lewis.

Send the team an encouraging email
lewis.pr163@gmail.com



Living Water Uniting Church Humpty Doo NORTHERN TERRITORY

Project ID: NT-21-1071
When: July 13— 23

Interior and Exterior painting of church.

Pray for Gary & Jodi Thompson as this is their last project with the Safari Team.

Team Leader: Graham Thompson
Text Message the team to encourage them **0418 907 524**



Hannuscheck Mission House Karama (Darwin) NORTHERN TERRITORY

Project ID: NT-19-907
When: June 15— 23

Repairs and Maintenance around the house.

Team Leader: Peter Lewis

Send a text message to encourage the team **0414 257 039**



Uniting Church House Maningrida (Arnhem Land) NORTHERN TERRITORY

Project ID: NT-20-1025
When: August 17— 27

Construction of new unit under the house.

Team Leader: To Be Advised

Pray for the team as they begin the long journey home



St Francis Church Batchelor NORTHERN TERRITORY

Project ID: NT-18-780
When: July 28— August 6

Interior and exterior painting, and various minor maintenance tasks.

Pray for this local community and this church that serves them.

Team Leader: Peter Lewis.

Give them a call to pray with the team



NSW Projects

In the past two months NSW MMM teams have successfully completed four projects in the northern part of the state. At Armidale the applicant was Young Life which reaches out to youth in schools and universities. They have been operating for about 40 years. Team members Max and Gayle Coates were original members in Victoria.

The Armidale job was unique in that the host had employed a colour consultant to choose the paints. Members of the team were a little aghast at the colour combinations chosen. Volunteers needed to have faith not only in God but in the colour consultant. As the job proceeded it became very apparent that the combinations of colour produced a vitality and exuberance largely unexpected. Although the building was large and reasonably desperate, the job was largely completed within two weeks. The team was pleased to welcome newcomers Gary and Hilary Brewer and Graeme and Lis Stokes. Team leadership was provided by Bruce Collard who capably juggled the allocation of 14 volunteers around the many sub tasks. Bruce is known for his construction prowess but demonstrated his aptitude with essentially a painting job.



On to Kempsey Presbyterian Church with a much smaller team. As it turned out the team of six proved ideal for the tasks at hand. Painting was on the agenda as was repair of cornices, tiles, pavers and the demolition of a bell tower and porch. These were rebuilt using the talents of Gary Brewer and under the oversight of the multi talented team leader, Phil McNeice. Great fellowship and hospitality was enjoyed with members of the congregation. One of the congregation ran a bed and breakfast.

She generously rewarded team members with an overnight stay at her establishment at the conclusion of the project.



Tenterfield is so close to the Queensland border that it wasn't surprising to see NSW member and now resident of Queensland, Brian Stirk, join the team. Ian Dawson led the team on a mission to repaint the interior of the Tenterfield Community Church. Ian tells us that "a timely unexpected visit by a local painter gave us some very helpful advice and tips which greatly benefitted us in our job". Also, Ian reports that "they were "so encouraged by their constant expression of thanks and appreciation of the work done". They were blown away by the variety and yummy meals served

by ladies at the church. This job also welcomed Paul to MMM, Paul is a licensed builder.

The new 'blood' continues to flow as evidenced by the above. In addition, we have received two applications to MMM from Wollongong. Both couples expressed that they had been looking for something like MMM so they could serve God in a practical way in their retirement.

The morals to this edition is that new members continue to arrive and that God ensures the appropriate numbers and skills are present on each job.





Wanted! Wanted! Wanted!

Over the last few months Rod Heape has continued to tirelessly serve those serve, with work carried out at Kobeelya Conference Centre assisting Rob Sommerville and also continued upgrade of Hut 6 at Camp Wattle Grove. Often we are asked how can I get involved in the work of MMM, so this issue of TeamNews we would like to offer some suggestions.



Prayer Warrior - A foundation stone of all Missions. MMM exists to spread the good news through assisting Christian organisations with the building and maintenance of their buildings. We need to constantly seek the direction, wisdom and strength of our loving God. Being a Prayer Warrior for MMM you will uphold the ministry and all those who serve in it. To link into the MMM Prayer Network, use the contact details on the back page.

Committee Member - Behind all organisations there is a small band of people who do all the administration work to ensure the wheels keep turning. Meeting once per month to discuss Projects, plan fundraiser events & encourage each other in service. Interested?, call Trevor.

Fundraiser Volunteer - Are you a helper or an event planner. There are opportunities to serve MMM in this way. Planned events need helpers to ensure they run smoothly, or you might want to run a fundraiser event at your church or community event on behalf of MMM. The Containers for Change program is a good example of what could be done. Your imagination is your only limitation.

Project Volunteer - MMM is a practical ministry, if you have skills, trade or otherwise in the building field, put them to use on an MMM Project. Your commitment can be 1 day only or a regular commitment of time put aside to serve. The ministry of MMM takes the burden of practical work away from those who are called to serve through other forms of ministry, thus we see the body of Christ supporting and encouraging each other in growing the kingdom.

Church Representative - Unless there are people sharing with others about the ministry of MMM it is difficult to get all the information out into our church communities. Are you available to pass on TeamNews, Prayer Points and information on events to others in your world of influence. Are there persons that you know that could be pointed in the direction of MMM to serve?

Social Media Networker - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the Internet, so much information is available at our fingertips. At the simple click of a button you can share the ministry of MMM to others. Can I encourage you to like the MMM Facebook and Web Pages, share the stories of the faith and blessings. Build the awareness of MMM through your social network.

A big thank you to all those who support the ministry of MMM, your encouragement, service and prayers are a blessing.



MMM Western Australia - Trevor & Karen Beard.

Post: 33 Furley Rd, Southern River, Western Australia, 6110; Mobile: 0409 778 799; Email: mmmwa@mmm.org.au

Yandina Baptist Church

One of our main jobs in May was painting the outside of Yandina Baptist Church. We had prayed that God would bring more volunteers to help with the job and we were so blessed to have a great team turn out (with 5 onsite volunteers and 6 volunteers who came to help for a couple of days over the course of the job). As Josh and Trish don't yet have their own accommodation for travelling MMM jobs, they were so grateful to Pastor Dave at Yandina Baptist for lending them his camper trailer over the duration of the job.

The team prepared the building by scraping/sanding off the bubbling/flaky paint from the walls and windows and spraying it with a pressure hose, before proceeding with an undercoat and two coats of colour paint. They painted the walls, rails, bricks base on one building, stairs, all the old windows, and Jenny and Peter even stayed an extra day to paint the toilet block, which was an extra addition to the original job.

Throughout their time there, the team was so thankful to God for answering their prayers for fine weather despite a forecast of showers. Thanks to the sunshine, the team was able to get everything done in time for the Yandina Baptist Church centenary celebration on the first weekend of June. Whilst there, it

was so lovely to meet so many members of the congregation who provided morning tea and lunch for the team, as well as seeing all the church's great community outreach programs.



Annual Fundraising Dinner

Our country/Australiana themed annual fundraising dinner was an absolute ball. We were so thrilled to have such a great turn

out and it was so great to see everyone getting dressed up in their flannel tops and cowboy hats. We had a great evening filled with live music, a silent auction, spit roast dinner, guest speakers and more! John and Josh built an outdoor dunny photo booth façade so lots of fun photos were taken during the event. The final amount raised for the mission was around 20,000 dollars – praise God! We could not be more thankful to God for how the event turned out and we are already getting excited for next year's fundraising dinner.



A LITTLE RAY OF SUNSHINE.....

As we in Victoria, endure some more of the Covid-19 constraint we are now known for, I thought it prudent to try and brighten our day, even just a little. So here goes. The past few months have taken us, as a team, be it large or small, to various parts of our country. As I write some of our Victorian team are safely in the Northern Territory, doing some amazing work. Some got away to a warmer climate, and some joined Region Manager Geoff Jarvis on a project in Berri, South Australia. We do not always come across amazing stories of God's grace, however, in Berri, we did.

The team at the Church of Christ, are well under way, developing a Men's Shed ministry, with a very large shed, concrete floor, and being fitted out as time allows. This promises to be a very real blessing to all. However, another area of outreach is a gathering called "Pepper Tree Shack", on a fruit property.

Originally built under a Pepper Tree, with a very small building, it was added onto, as extra room was needed. Fitted out with old recliners, and bits and pieces to decorate, once a week, a guest speaker would be invited to present Jesus to 60 men from ALL walks of life. And the men came.

Sometimes one by one, sometimes more, men came to the front, asking to receive Jesus. And then the fire.

Only months ago, all the men, unusually went home early one night, about 9pm. By 11pm the building was very much on fire, and very adjacent to the owners home. The Shack burnt down, and the owners home unscathed. The fire report said a spark in the chimney caught on some leaves, and made the fire.

The End? Not at all. The Shack Meeting, for the time being, is held in the Church of Christ building, with as usual, a three course meal, and a guest speaker. For many, the best meal in a while.

It is these stories that warm my heart, and get me excited to keep on with helping to "serve those that serve". The renovation work of buildings, by a small crew, Peter and Glenda Holiday, Ron and Rosemary Jackson, and Region Manager Geoff Jarvis, is how we helped this church, to get on with their mission. We were building a disability bathroom and separate toilet adjacent to the Men's Shed, along with lots of plastering of walls and ceiling, in the Men's shed. Please pray for the Pepper Tree Shack ministry.

And Thank You to both couples, for giving their time and ability, to attend such a wonderful project.



Berri Men's Shed Kitchen—2021



New Berri Men's Shed 2021



Ruth's Reflections – A Challenge To Myself

In May, we celebrated the lives of two wonderful people who, amongst many other things, were great supporters of MMM for many years.

Graham Scott did his first bus tour with MMM in the early 90's and spent the last 20+ years of his life working with MMM. He and Gloria served as the state managers for 6 years, they helped on the bases in WA and NT as well as spending time in QLD on projects. They joined in with safaris around the country and volunteered countless hours on Tasmanian projects. Until the end of 2020.

Marie Reeves (to the best of my knowledge) never picked up a tool on a worksite but she also committed herself to the work of MMM for almost two decades. Marie supported Lance as he worked on projects coming along to help with morning teas. She was a great supporter of the Ladies Auxiliary, giving and helping with the fundraising. Until they were unable to travel at night, she was a faithful attendee at the prayer meetings.

As I listened to what was shared in two very different services and as I spent hours going through old photo albums to prepare a slideshow for Graham's service, I heard and saw the same things.



Graham in charge of the BBQ (again) with Marie and Lance getting their lunch c2005

Graham and Marie were:

DEDICATED – to God and His Word

COMMITTED – to family, church and MMM

AVAILABLE – to God and to those around them

ENERGETIC & ENTHUSIASTIC – keen to get in and do their part even if it was a challenge

CONSISTENT & CONSTANT – Graham was always helping someone somewhere; Marie was a blessing to MMM right to the end.

GENEROUS – in finances, time and attitudes

HAPPY & JOYFUL – a wonderful attitude to have to life and to others

So, I'm challenged. Do I show these qualities and attitudes in my life? All the time or just when it's easy?

Graham and Marie served in very different ways and yet in a very similar manner. They were and still are an inspiration to me.

They will be greatly missed.



Reaching Beyond Borders

During the Covid-19 pandemic, while the world is experiencing chaos and uncertainty in life, God is moving and working among believers here in Southeast Asia. The reason I said Southeast Asia is because it enabled us to serve believers in both Myanmar and Laos.

This past month, Pedro continued helping M28 studio; a ministry working with minorities tribes in Asia. They create music and media allowing them to worship God in their own languages. M28 is located in Thailand and asked Pedro to build a portable recording studio because sometimes villagers are not allowed to cross the border into Thailand. Building the studio this way, they can carry their equipment with them to remote villages. They can record music or spoken scripture from the Bible in tribal languages so that people groups can have music in their own language to worship God. This project is for the Mok tribe in Myanmar. Here are some pictures to show how God is moving and changing lives during the persecution from the government in Myanmar. Imagine the comfort to be able to sing and worship God in their own language and to listen to the Bible in



Mok church in Myanmar

their own language for the very first time! Especially at a time like this! Stories like this makes me wonder whether I take having the Bible and worship songs in Thai for granted or not. We are grateful to play a small part in obeying the great commission; sharing the gospel to the ends of the earth! Following God's

original plan to redeem cultures and tribes helping them to know the creator of the universe.



Recording music in a village

Helping the Persecuted

In another project, MMM in Thailand was able to help build a permanent house for a persecuted believer's family who recently moved from Laos to Thailand.

This family originally lived in Laos. When they first moved to Thailand, they lived with a relative. Their village is called WiangChia and is about a 2-hour drive from Chiangrai province. One day, they accepted Christ! When their relative found out, they were no longer welcome to live in that home. They needed to move out and build their own home quickly, overnight! They had nowhere else to go! They couldn't return to Laos as it was the country they escaped from! That relative was the only family they had! They had limited options; 1. They could renounce Jesus and live in that house because they did not have money or means to build themselves a new house. Or 2. They could hold on to their faith and believed God would provide them what they needed. At this point, all they had was God and Faith. Word came to Pedro requesting professional help. Pedro and his contact person went to check about building a house.

He was working on another project when this request came to him, but he immediately decided that this was more urgent than the work he was doing. He rescheduled his work and left so he could help rescue this family.

We are blessed to be able to serve others through the prayers and ongoing financial support from MMM in Australia. Thank You to everyone who supports us in Thailand through MMM Australia!



The persecuted family



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KEY PRAYER POINTS TO UPHOLD BEFORE OUR GOD

| Area | Prayer or Praise Point |
|-----------------|---|
| WA | Give thanks for projects that can still be completed in WA, as COVID 19 outbreaks are minimal. |
| NSW | Pray for Barry Campbell as he tries to lead projects with a very painful leg |
| TAS | Pray for work/life balance for Shane & Ruth as they manage busy schedules. Pray for new leaders to share the load and for the health and wellbeing of the volunteers. |
| QLD | Praise God that the Yandina job was completed within the timeframe. God blessed the team with sunshine throughout their whole time there, despite the weather forecast showing lots of rain. |
| VIC/SA | Pray for more volunteers for projects to step forward to assist with upcoming projects. |
| TAS | Praise God for the number of job requests that are coming in from churches that we have no previous MMM connections with. |
| NSW | Praise for the continuing INFLUX of new tradies and skilled handymen and women and those serving . The phone calls keep coming in as a direct answer to our prayers. |
| WA | Pray for the MMM WA Celebration Dinner, for the planning and that many will attend and hear about the ministry of MMM. |
| VIC/SA | Give thanks for those already involved and those who have indicated they will help serve. |
| QLD | Full time volunteers Josh and Trish Baade are still in need of travelling accommodation for jobs on the road. |
| NT | Pray for the volunteers on the Top End Safari for protection, provision, and health as they travel about the top end. |
| NSW | Praise for the successful treatment of a melanoma for Greg Jackson and the final clear report. |
| TAS | Praise God for the lives of Graham Scott and Marie Reeves and the impact they made on so many; please continue to pray for their families. |
| QLD | A big project at Burpengary New Creation Christian Church has had lots set-backs. Pray that as the job progresses it will be a smooth process going forward for both the church and the MMM team |
| WA | Pray for the health of all our Volunteers, that individual minor ailments and sicknesses will be treated quickly and all will return to good health and be available to serve |
| QLD | Pray that we would be able to finalise dates for upcoming jobs and for volunteers to join us on those jobs. |
| National | Praise God for the faithfulness of our corporate supporters from Segue Financial Services who once again have provided some brand new laptop computers to replace aging equipment. Pray for Joy Smith and the team at Segue that God will continue to bless their business. |
| National | Pray for the ongoing process of Board transition as we continue to look for Board members to round out the skills profile needed in the governance of the organisation. Pray for Dale as the Board Chairperson as he manages the search for new Board members. |



Fundraising Activity

Start Collecting your Containers and return to any Containers for Change return centre and Quote

MMM Australia (WA)
Scheme ID C10420441

Collect as an Individual or Church
On a Regular Basis or One Off
At a Function or Special Event

If you need any assistance call the MMM Centre for more details
Karen 0419 197 695 or Trevor 0488 399 238



MMM VIC / SA FUNDRAISING DINNER SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2021

at Canterbury Gardens Community Church
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**COMING
SOON**



The annual
NSW GARAGE SALE
will be held on

Sat July 24

at the
MMM WYEE CENTRE.

Please arrange to have goods delivered before
Friday 23rd July.
Contact Greg Jackson for further details
on 0428 775 057



ANSWERS ABOUND - KEEP PRAYING

Answers to Prayer

This edition we are sharing with you some wonderful answers to prayers that have been happening right here at MMM. I hope it encourages you and that you know your prayers are making a difference! Thank-you to all of you faithfully praying, we could not do what we do without you.

MMM QLD

One of prayers being answered is that our job in Yandina was supposed to be rainy for a lot of the time, which would not have worked as it was an outdoor paint job. But with prayer, the sun was out every day! Even one day it started to spit outside before morning tea but after prayer in morning devotions the sun was out again - praise God – Trish Baade



MMM - TAS

One of the most obvious answers to prayers is the provision of finance. This financial year has been remarkable for us as every church we help seems to make a large donation regardless of whether we're there for a day or a week!

One example of God meeting our needs is this: At the beginning of the year, Blackstone Christian Centre discussed a project with us which meant they would need to purchase a large roller door at considerable cost or find something suitable second hand. We had a deadline by which a door had to be found on Gumtree or the church would have to place on order for a brand new one. The weeks ticked by with nothing suitable. With a week to go, an ad came up with just the right door. It was perfect. The same colour as the window frames. The right size. The price was right. And, we were the first offer. Shane volunteered to take it out himself rather than risk someone else doing it and damaging anything. The seller was happy, a date was chosen and Shane and John went to collect it, much to my concern because of the weight and there only being two of them. I spoke to him during the afternoon and it was all going wrong. Because of the lack of height, he was unable to drive the ute underneath and lower it on the way he'd hoped and there was no way the two guys could handle it and the owner hadn't arrived. He rang back soon after to say that the owner had arrived, looked at the situation and volunteered to go and get his tractor to use the bucket to lift the roller door onto the ute roof racks!! They came home a couple of hours later with the perfect door, no damage to door or people and a great saving for the church. –

Ruth
Goelst

