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MMMTEAMNews

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How Great thou Art!



Well this is the first time in my years with MMM that a building, tradesperson or power tool didn't feature on the front of our Newsletter!

Safari team member Robyn Jackson was commissioned to use her artistic talent to assist the Halls Creek Church in an upcoming Conference with new signs to go out the front of the church. So while the rest of the team were using their gifts in the traditional way, Robyn put her gift to work to create these wonderful art works to enhance the proclamation of Jesus in the Halls Creek community.

Well done Robyn, they look fantastic!

It is a challenge to us all to use the gifts we have been given for Jesus glory, not our own.

Lyndon Bell



There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

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SAFARI UPDATE: Assembly of God, Halls Creek



We returned to Halls Creek AOG Church after two years to finish off "The Little House on The Prairie"(as it is known) with a new team consisting of Phill & Gwen Hall, Alan & Kerrie Donald, Rolf Vollmer, Bruce & Pam Collard Tom & Gaye Redsell, Greg & Robyn Jackson, Allen & Rosemarie Rochford and John & Anne Cooper. It was to fit out the interior, ceiling installation, walls, new kitchen, laundry and bathroom.



Greg Jackson

A new hand rail and front stairs were also installed and painted. John came to rough in the plumbing and install a Solar HWS (the electrical work was done previously). Although there wasn't much work for the Ladies, they enjoyed various activities such as Card Making, a visit to the Local TAFE where they learnt how to make a pot holder or mat out of rope and scrap material , afternoon tea with Justine (Pastor's wife)



Bruce installing new kitchen

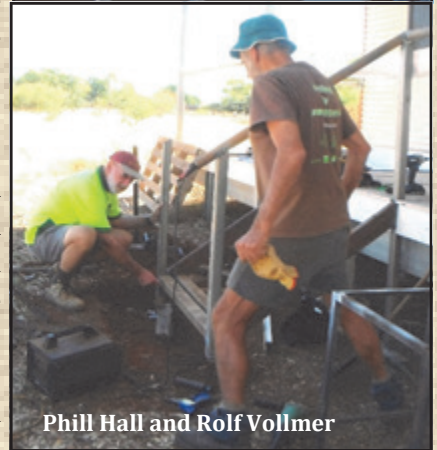
The Completed Cottage, which will be used to house Indigenous Christians when they come to the church for ministry training.



plus morning tea at the Bakery, it was a great time of fellowship hearing of the work God is doing in Halls Creek .

All team members have different talents, and Robyn was commissioned to do 3 paintings that will

be hung in the Church and used for the up & coming Convention in August on "The fruits of the Spirit".



Phill Hall and Rolf Vollmer

The team had a night out to enjoying an evening meal together which was great but it did get a little cold, yes Halls Creek gets cold at night! Some of the team visited the Wolfe Creek Crater whilst others went into the Bungle Bungles.

It is amazing how God can use our talents to help others and it was a real blessing sharing with the aboriginal ladies who prepared Damper with Billy Tea, for our morning tea, and then joined us for devotions.



Phill & Gwen Hall.



Great work everyone!



Wood fired damper for Morning Tea!

Miniyeri Anglican Church

An urgent call was sent out through the Anglican Church in Katherine for repairs to electrical items at an Aboriginal Community Miniyeri. John Blade was very gracious and went with the Rev. Alan Courtney some 300kms south east of Katherine to replace all the lights which had been broken.

It is great when MMM can come to the rescue of God's people to help. John also did an assessment of additional work to be done in the future. Many thanks to John.



YWAM DARWIN

This project has been on the books for some time and we were able to slip it between some of our larger jobs due to a cancellation. What started out to be removing old and broken tiles turned into removing all floor and skirting tiles in the bathroom area, consisting of 2 toilets and 2 showers.

Our ace team of Kevin & Eira Sproats with Chris & Sue Mallam worked over 2 weeks with a week off in the middle (due to a school group from Dubbo being there.)

Thanks to the team for tirelessly laying the new tiles, grouting and cleaning. Jennifer from YWAM sent an email with many thanks for the recent work on our downstairs bathroom, it is looking really good and we are now upgrading the painting of walls and ceiling to finish the renovation work.



Heads Down.....



Headline Act!

MMM team make the front page in Cobram



Riverside Church, VIC.

Riverside Church in Cobram are constructing a brand new building to grow their ministry. With most work being done by volunteers and being coordinated by the small church, this is an exciting project. Our MMM team have been able to assist for a period of 4 weeks to build stud walls (internal and external) and begin the fitout. They have made such an impression **they made the front page of the local paper!** A lot of framing done, lots of timber used, over 6,000 nails



used in first two weeks. Frosty mornings, heavy fogs, wind, rain and mud haven't slowed down the team and the tough conditions have been made much more bearable from the lovely hospitality of the church with great meals and accommodation at the Cobram Willows caravan park. The team includes Les & Faye Schwebel, Frank & Yvonne Wilkey, Ian & Ellen Dawson, Siete & Leny Woldhuis, Jamie & Kiralee Kuschurt, Paul Barnham, Roy & Jenny Breyley and Ian & Marilyn Wilson. It has been a great team that worked really well together on such a large project. This is a small church with a big vision for the town of Cobram.

Paul Barnham



WA Centre News



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Hi Everyone, as you read this news letter a team of volunteers will have completed two weekends tiling and other maintenance work at Camp Wattle Grove, full report to follow. A special blessing to those who freely give of their time and skills to serve in this way. Other Projects that are being scheduled for the coming months include:



- Internal Framing and Cladding converting a Verandah into an Office Area - Require the services of a Bricklayer for this job also - a skill we do not have presently in our team
- External Maintenance and Internal Painting of a local Church
- Hanging Doors inside a Domestic Dwelling for a retired Missionary
- General Construction and Roofing on a property that is used for Christian Retreats

If you would like to join a work group on any of these projects feel free to call Trevor at the WA MMM Centre and he will be able to provide further details. "Many hands make light work" a statement that is equally true when referring to the task of extending the Kingdom through practical service in Main-

tenance and Construction.

Prayer Groups

1st Thurs every month 7pm at the home of Val &

John Francis 550 Lower King Rd Albany

Prayer and Praise Points

- Pray for Volunteers to come forward to work on the number of projects that are being planned over the coming months. All are welcome.
- Pray for opportunities to arise for MMMWA to share about the ministry of "Serving those who serve" in Local Churches, Cell Groups or Christian Organizations
- Praise God for those individuals and churches who regularly give financial gifts to MMM Australia, their generosity is greatly appreciated
- Praise God for the ministry of Camp Wattle Grove and for the tireless effort and commitment of Don and Jodie. May all those who visit the grounds see God's love in action and be moved to respond to it.

Craft Days

- Sat 31st Aug Mosaics
 - Sat 28th Sept Painting
 - Sat 26th Oct Shopping Tour
(very popular reserve your seat early)
- Craft Days are from 3pm to 9pm and include Afternoon Tea, Dinner, Supper and all materials supplied.
Cost: \$45 per person
Bookings / Information Contact Karen Beard 0419 197 695 Or MMMWA Centre 9456 0022

Why Volunteer to work on a MMM Project ?

This question has often been asked and if you were to get a response from a MMM volunteer they would all be different. Here are some:

- *To Honor God with the Talents and Skills He has blessed me with*
- *Serving gives me great joy as I see the smiles on the faces of those I am helping*
- *Each Project has Eternal Rewards*
- *It helps me see the World through God's Eyes*
- *I love the fellowship with other Volunteers, working together is always fun*
- *I have a burden for those who are lost, Volunteering helps me to do something for them*
- *God's Family need each other, He says to use your Gifts and Talents to help each other*
- *It beats sitting home and watching the TV*

If you can relate to any of these responses, maybe God is giving you a gently nudge. MMMAustralia can use you, just make contact with any State Centre and take up the challenge of "Serving those Who Serve"

NSW 2013 Calendar

Date	Name	Location	Description	Workers needed?	Van Spaces?	Accom. Available	Meals Available?	Project Coordinator & Contact
26th August - 6th September	Attunga Country Campsite	Canyonleigh	Replace decks & erect frame for Canvas Cabin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Paul Barnham 0401 880 820
End September <i>Tentative</i>	Capernwray	Moss Vale	TBA	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBA	TBA Let us know if you're interested.
October <i>Tentative</i>	Coonabarbran Presy Church	Coonabarbran	Refit Amenities	Yes	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA Let us know if you're interested.
2nd-13th December	Katoomba Christian Convention	Katoomba	Various maintenance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Paul Barnham 0401 880 820

NSW Annual Celebration Dinner

Our Annual celebration dinner is being held **12.00pm, 30th November** at Bethshan Conference Centre, Wyee. We are having a day event to assist those who need to travel. Accommodation is also available at Bethshan or Van parking available at the State Centre. **Guest Speaker, Ps. Peter Walker, from Australian Indigenous Christian Ministries.**

Upcoming NSW events -16th November Wyee Garage Sale, 30th November Annual Dinner, Bethshan,



Wanted, MMM Team leaders for Safari's, Off Shore and Local projects.

We are looking for MMM volunteers who would be interested in being trained in **JANUARY 2014** in **WYEE** as prospective MMM volunteer Team Leaders. People who would consider putting themselves forward to help lead teams both on Mobile work teams, Safari teams and local projects. If you feel you would like to contribute in this way and would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Peter Taylor 03 9837 2700, peter@mmm.org.au

Tasmanian News

Recently MMM TAS catered for the Baptist Women's conference in Devonport. Faye Jones, Aileen Deveraux and Des and Alison Deans seen here busy preparing sandwiches for the luncheon. Thank you!

Tasmanian Prayer Fellowships

Hobart area - Kevin and Heather Filleul 03 6248 1912.

Launceston area - Rod and Lyn Dowling 0417 590 740.

Devonport/Sheffield area - Stan and Faye Jones 03 6491 1531



Would you like to join

Safari 2014?

We are receiving applications for future projects in various remote locations. If you would consider being part of a team who would travel in 2014, please contact Peter Taylor to register your interest.

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Never be afraid to
try something new.
Remember, amateurs
built the ark.
Professionals built
the Titanic.

Supporting MMM through Facebook ...

We live in the Western world, so we live in a technology world. This is a simple reality of life. The vast majority of us live with this, even if we don't like it. Even using phones, driving cars, watching television and using an automatic dishwasher is using advanced technology (if you doubt the latter, I was reminded of this the other day when my home-stay students from China and Colombia were not familiar with an automatic dishwasher – seen and used for the time).

So within this reality, we should ask ourselves – how can this technology increase people's knowledge of Jesus and his Gospel? With advanced technology comes various software programs that we can either take advantage of, or ignore. Ignoring them doesn't make them go away. Taking advantage of these programs, on the other hand, can help us. It can help us spread a message, tell a story, and increase the general awareness of ... anything that takes our fancy.

This is where Facebook comes in. It is a part of a group of interactive internet tools called 'Social Media' whereby individuals and organisations can communicate something that, potentially, millions of other people might see. Or, if you desire, just one friend or family member on the other side of the planet. It is communication tool that can transmit and share messages and pictures that you approve of. Much like a brochure you like and might give to a neighbour or friend, Facebook messages can be passed on to others.

If you are a Facebook user, you probably already know this. You might not know the fullest extent of this 'spreading and sharing' a message, but you know a little bit about it. And this is why I am writing this little article. To help MMM Facebook users increase people's awareness of MMM. MMM Australia has been on Facebook for a year now, and it is time our supporters understood how using Facebook is a good way of sharing the MMM story. Why? Because, as a supporter of MMM, MMM needs your help in different ways, and this is an easy way you can help.

It starts by finding and liking MMM Australia in the Facebook world. Liking MMM Australia is not the same as becoming friends with another person. Facebook distinguishes between Organisations and people. Every time an organisation posts a message on Facebook, it needs the organisations supporters to 'like' it. Every time. To put it more simply, every time MMM posts something, it is helpful to MMM for its supporters to 'like' that post. Reading a post is good. 'Liking' a post is better.

But there is something even better than 'like' in the Facebook world. This is called 'sharing'. If you share something, it appears on your Facebook page (in your timeline), and all your 'friends' then get to see it. Imagine if you are on Facebook, you have 150 friends, and you see MMM Australia has posted something. If you 'share' this post, your friends will see it on your Facebook page timeline. If they enjoy it, then they can 'share' it to their friends ... and so it goes on. This is what happens when you read of internet things 'going viral'. It is something that is shared, then shared again, and again, and again ... If this sharing process takes place even just a few times by about 50 people each time, hundreds of thousands of people around the world will end up reading about it (even if they haven't shared it, others will read it on a Facebook page that has shared it ...).

Comments are also good ... you might recognize someone in a photo, or like the verse from scripture ... all activity involving an MMM post promotes MMM on Facebook and increases the awareness of God's activity in the world through MMM. So, if you are reading this article, support MMM and its activities and start sharing the posts on your own Facebook page. Many thanks for all your support of MMM and God Bless you in your labours for Him.

David Spencer
Administration, MMM Head Office



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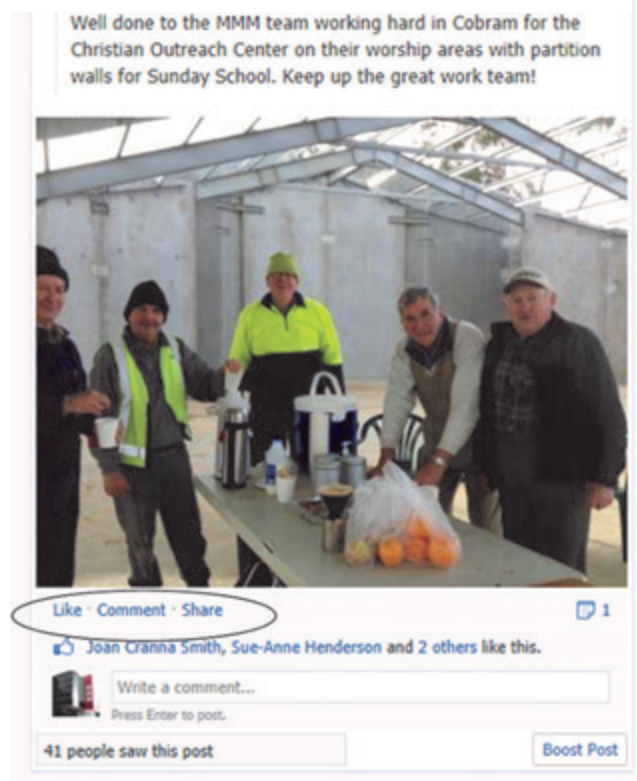
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Prayer Force August 2013

JOHN 15 : 5 Jesus said "I am the vine & you are the branches, If a man remains in me & I in him, he will bear much fruit."

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Thurs 1st - Wed 7th

MATTHEW 6 : 33

But seek first his kingdom & his righteousness, & all these things will be given to you as well.

Thurs 1st- NSW - Craft Shop at the MMM Centre, Wyee, open from 10am - 2pm. Pray **for people to come, make purchases & build relationships** with MMMers. Pray also for the team finishing at Cobram this Friday, safe travels and may their efforts be a blessing for many years to come.

WA Prayer Fellowship at Albany at Val & John Francis' on **Thurs 1st NSW** - Pray for **Rob Saunders** who is investigating some **projects in NSW for MMMBuild**, until **the 2nd**. Pray for Rob to be strong while away, & **for complete healing** of his infection after surgery last month. Praise God he was given antibiotics when he was & that he is out of hospital.

VIC - Give thanks for the wonderful work & Christian witness of the **MMM team who have undertaken the fitout of the new church building for Cobram Church Outreach Centre**, until the **2nd August**. Praise God for the great promotion for MMM in the newspaper article about the team & the project. Pray others reading this article will be encouraged to serve the Lord with their skills & that some will support MMM.

Give thanks for good progress on the **Build project being undertaken at Rosanna Baptist Church** .

TAS- Sat 3rd MMM stand at **Global Challenge Mission Day**. Pray for people to be drawn to our stand & for some new supporters to come forward.

NZ - Sat 3rd **Howard and Ave Robinson** will be presenting MMM at 'ENVISION' mission conference in Tauranga today. Pray for good contacts & opportunities to connect with people.

Pray that **MMMBuild** will have reliable clients and suppliers to assist in MMM Build smooth operation.

Pray for **complete healing for Rob Dux's step dad, John Moon**, after recent major surgery, & comfort for Rob's mum, **Mary**. Pray for **God's sustaining, wisdom & blessings for Rob** with assisting his parents & as he manages MMMBuild.

Give thanks for **the MMM Board members**. Pray for **Godly wisdom for them as they seek a new CEO for MMM Aust**. Pray they will have good applicants & know **God's will to fill the position**

Pray for God to grow MMM into the future & for us to keep trusting Him to meet all the needs for His mission.

Thurs 8th - Wed 14th

ISAIAH 48 : 17

This is what the Lord says - your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."

Praise God for Kara Balta Children's Home in Kyrgyzstan that provides shelter and care for abandoned children & that MMM is able to undertake this project here from July 21st—**August 15th** Praise God for bringing the 14 volunteers together, including 3 from overseas & 4 ladies to join this mission project. Pray that the team works joyfully together & can adapt well to the food & language & act in a culturally acceptable manner. Ask God to grant the team wisdom so that project problems & issues can be solved well.

Pray for numerous, suitable **team leaders & team members to contact Peter Taylor soon** to assist in helping on the following projects :

- Construction at The Olive Branch Christian Retreat in **York, WA**.
- Maintenance and construction at Belleview Baptist in **Perth, WA**.
- Painting at St Catherine's Anglican Church in **Caulfield South, VIC**.
- Painting the exterior of the Church at **Gympie** Presbyterian in **QLD**.
- Maintenance and painting of the exterior of the Rectory at **Broken Hill** Anglican , **SA**.
- Building a large Church Worship Centre for House of Prayer at **Honiara in the Solomon Islands**.
- Building a steel shed to house the hospital ambulance in **Kompam, PNG**
- Restoration of the Parish Hall on **Thursday Island**.

VIC Head Office at Mitcham Pray for **volunteers to come forward to assist at the Mitcham Office**, who have **computer skills for administration work, web site management, Facebook control, publishing & Power-Point presentation skills**.

Pray for safe travel home for acting CEO Peter Taylor & his wife Lillian. Pray for him to know God's presence , peace , guidance & blessings as he returns to the office next week. Pray for good health for him & God's protection over him & Lillian.

Pray for **God to provide all the needs for the growth of MMMBuild**. Pray that those seeking our help will make decisions quicker.



Prayer Force August 2013

JOHN 15 : 5 Jesus said "I am the vine & you are the branches,
If a man remains in me & I in him, he will bear much fruit."

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Thurs 15th - Wed 21st

PSALM 40 : 3

He put a new song in my mouth,
A hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see & fear
And put their trust in the Lord.

NT Prayer Fellowship - Give thanks for the **Prossors** holding a prayer fellowship for MMM on **Thurs 15th**. Give thanks also for all who attend to pray for MMM. Pray for **Dave Spencer** as he takes on new responsibilities & assists Peter Taylor. **Pray for God to meet all his needs & give him peace & blessings.**

Sat 17th - Tim Cranna's farewell dinner given by the Board. Pray Tim will be encouraged for his new role as a Director with the mission World Team.

Wed 21st - VIC - Prayer Fellowship at Mitcham office. Praise God for those who attend to pray for the mission & for all who assist with the program. Pray God will be glorified. Give thanks that He answers our prayers.

Pray for God's wisdom in finding **effective ways to promote** how MMM is serving those who serve. **Pray God will prompt more people, especially younger in age, to become involved & provide practical, prayerful or financial support, to meet all the needs of the mission.**

TAS - Pray that God will raise up the couple of his choosing to take over as State Managers in TAS. Give thanks for **Graham & Gloria Scott** & the blessing they are to many as they faithfully serve the Lord through MMM.

Give thanks for our **Finance Co-Ordinator, Diane**. Pray for her health as she struggles with breathing difficulties. May she be drawn to Him. Praise God for those who have sent donations to the mission this year. Pray more will be forthcoming.

Pray that people will read the **Team News** & look on our **website** & be encouraged by hearing what God is doing in people's lives, through his servants in the Body of Christ who are blessing & helping to draw people to seek a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray that as readers are encouraged they will desire to support MMM in some way. Pray they will share the Team News or stories with people who are unfamiliar with MMM.

Thurs 22nd - Sat 31st

JEREMIAH 17: 7

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends its roots by the stream.

Give thanks for the assistance **Ewe-Jin Low** has given MMM. Pray for God's blessing on him, his family & his business.

Pray for **God's wisdom & sustaining for Lyndon Bell (NSW Manager)** with his MMM commitments, study & family life. **May he know God's leading in all these areas & be blessed.** Give thanks for all he does in formulating & printing copies of the Team News. Praise God for those Associates who help with the mail out of these.

Give thanks for **Alan Wilkinson as MMMBuild's Client Services Manager**. Pray for him in this role and for his assistance with MMM's insurance.

Praise God for the **Board, State Committee members, fundraisers, staff & all Associates** who faithfully support the ministry of MMM Australia by willingly giving their time & expertise on projects, or by praying or donating finances & resources or assisting staff in a variety of ways. May all be blessed by God, to continue serving for his glory.

Pray for **volunteers with painting & tiling skills to come forward soon to assist on a number of projects in WA** requiring these skills.

Pray for the **WA State Committee** as they seek & appoint needed, **additional Committee members**. Praise God for Trevor & Karen Beard & the two other members who currently comprise the Committee.

Pray for the **MMM International Alliance Board** as they seek a **new International Director & a new Director for Zambia**.

NSW—Pray for the Attunga Team as they assist this camp ministry.

VIC - 22nd August MMMAust Board meeting this evening. Pray for Godly wisdom for Board Chairman, Andy Boer, & for all in attendance.

WA - 31st August - Craft - Mosaics from 3-9pm. Give thanks for the great time of learning & friendship shared at these craft sessions. Praise God for the skills of those teaching the crafts & their willingness to do so & assist in raising funds for MMM. Give thanks for the opportunity to share about MMM's ministry with those attending.