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TO CELEBRATE 50
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50th Anniversary 2025
Light Chapel, Melbourne.

FUTURE WORKS

What's Next

As we conclude celebrating 50 years it's exciting to look forward to what we are hoping to achieve over the next few years. Partner with us in believing and praying for God's plan to be revealed and for the following items to be blessed and fruitful. If God moves you in regard to any of the following please be in touch. There's many more things happening than mentioned below so be sure to get involved.

Thailand

It's time to develop our 1600m² land. We have been in contact with EMI, Engineering Ministries International to help with the design and engineering of the site. EMI's input would bring a professional level of outcome to the project that would serve the mission for many years. What we need though is the vision and funds to make this viable. Our capacity and vision need to be bigger in Thailand.

Western Australia

In the next couple of years, we will need to move our base of operations. This is a large undertaking. The resources to do this will need to be God given, so this is a faith exercise as much as it will be a practical exercise, an MMM specialty.

South Australia

Due to the ongoing work of the Victorian crew and God's blessing S.A. is seeing growth that would be great to support with the appointment of South Australian leaders and a base for operations.

Queensland

Half of our land is a great spot if you like to mow lawns. It's a great resource, let's find out God's plan for it and make it happen.

NSW

Long term, 2038 our lease runs out, short term we will need new state leaders by October 2026. A current project, renovating an old caravan, to see if this is a good way to draw volunteers that don't have this facility.

Victoria

In every state bar Victoria we house our State Managers. It would be a great blessing to have this provision.

Key Personnel

To grow our capacity and get our story out there we will need an injection of some key personnel. Operations Manager, Pastoral care, Marketing and Communications

Tiny house, studio, toilets

MMM is developing designs that can be packaged, are simple to construct, and can be sent anywhere in Australia or potentially overseas.

FROM THE CEO



50 YEARS OF MMM AUSTRALIA

MMM is a Christian, volunteer-driven organisation that builds, renovates, and maintains facilities supporting Christian outreach. Since beginning on 1 August 1975, MMM has operated across Australia and contributed to establishing work and bases in New Zealand, Fiji, Hong Kong, Thailand, Zambia, and South Africa. With only two paid staff in Australia and a small operating budget, the ministry relies almost entirely on volunteers who give their time, skills, and resources sacrificially.

The scale of MMM's contribution over five decades is significant:

MMM completes 60–70 projects every year, with totals now approaching 4,000 projects within Australia alone. **Volunteer Hours:** Approximately 4 million volunteer hours have been given. **Travel:** Teams have travelled an estimated 25 million kilometres—the equivalent of circling the globe more than 600 times. **Value of Labour:** At today's rates, donated labour is valued at \$300–\$400 million, representing \$500–\$700 million worth of completed project value when materials and associated costs are included. These numbers reflect a cumulative effect that is both extraordinary and far-reaching. Every kilometre travelled, every hour worked, and every project completed contributes to strengthening Christian outreach across multiple generations.

MMM projects include churches, schools, Bible translation centres, health/medical facilities, missionary accommodation, community aid centres, orphanages, and other buildings used for Christian ministry. The long-term results include: Churches that have supported worship, discipleship, youth ministry, counselling, and community support. Schools that have educated generations of children. Translation centres that have enabled Scripture to be recorded in languages that previously had no written form. Orphanages and care facilities that have provided safety, housing, and Christian nurture for vulnerable children.

A Story of Impact – India Orphanage Beds

One project in India demonstrates the human impact behind the statistics. A team travelled to build beds for an orphanage where children were sleeping on grass mats. Many had scarred or missing toes from rats biting them at night. Poor timber and low-quality screws slowed the work, but the team persisted. Once the beds were completed, mattresses were provided by MMM New Zealand. The girls, who had been away during the project, returned on the final day. When they saw their new beds, they burst into tears. The team witnessed firsthand how practical help expressed the love of God in a deeply meaningful way.

After 50 years, the statistics demonstrate an enormous, faithful contribution to Christian ministry. But behind every number is a story—lives changed, communities strengthened, and God's love made visible through practical service.

James Lacey

Chief Executive Officer

Merry Christmas and have a safe and blessed New Year

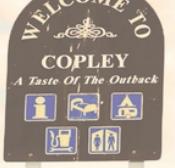
THE 50TH CELEBRATIONS





PROJECTS

OUR STATE MANAGERS REPORT ON ONE OF THEIR FAVORITE JOBS FOR 2025



Copley Christian Fellowship
Church Re-Opening Celebrations
Please join us for a weekend of Christian fellowship to celebrate the re-opening of the Copley Church: Fri, 20 June to Sun, 22 Jun

Friday, 20 June:
5.30pm Dinner & Fellowship

Saturday, 21 June:
10am Open House & Morning Tea
2pm Women's Craft & Fellowship
Men's Fellowship Afternoon in Napanappa
4pm Kids/ Youth Activity
5.30pm Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday, 22 June:
10am Re-Opening Celebration & Church Service followed by lunch

For more information, contact Pastor Jack Harradine 0473 530 540

VICTORIA - SOUTH AUSTRALIA - GEOFF JARVIS

One of the most impactful projects of the past year was the Copley Project in South Australia. The project delivered significant outcomes and brought widespread awareness to the local community that a large team from the South East—mostly from interstate—would be arriving for two weeks to restore the town's church building to a usable condition.

The portable church building had originally been installed with the assistance of an MMM team in the mid-1970s, marking a long-standing connection with the organisation. Positioned near the centre of a 400 km radius that it serves, the town previously had no functioning church within that vast area. Our team was grateful to participate in establishing the first active congregation in the region in three years.

With the restoration complete, travellers passing through for fuel can now easily visit the church on Sundays, and local residents have access to a comfortable, air-conditioned place of worship regardless of the weather. The church can now also host funerals in a dedicated place of reverence, rather than in a simple tin shed as was once the case.

The upgraded facility includes a proper bathroom and kitchen, enabling visiting pastors to stay overnight and supporting gatherings such as Bible studies, prayer meetings, and community events.

This project holds a special place in our memories—not only because of the two weeks spent working in and connecting with the town, but also because a building once used to honour God has been restored to serve once again as a welcoming and functional place of worship for all.

Perhaps in another ten years, we may even return to extend the building to accommodate future growth. Amen, and praise be to the one true living God.

NSW - GARY & HILARY BREWER

The 2025 safari team demolishing walls to create a big new kitchen, and joining everyone for outdoor worship

Halls Creek is known for intergenerational poverty, rampant youth crime, low school attendance, and high rates of both domestic violence and foetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Some youths will replace a good night's sleep with a nocturnal mix of car thefts, break-ins, police chases and rock attacks. Community leaders fear their relentless offending keeps them on the path of intergenerational poverty that is rife in Halls Creek, a town where most of the 1,500 people who live there are Indigenous.

That information came from an article written in 2023, and although the town still suffers these problems, there's a light shining more and more brightly at the Aboriginal Gospel Outreach Church under the leadership of the Wilkinson family. The 2025 MMM safari team saw this firsthand when we renovated 4 bathrooms and the manse kitchen earlier this year. Our taking over the church didn't stop them from holding meetings most evenings either, they just moved them outside. There we worshipped, prayed and shared testimonies with many locals around the campfire, including some of the 30 indigenous Planetshaker students who were studying over 3 campuses, and have now graduated this month. These men and women have developed their knowledge and skills so that they can reach the unsaved, and then to encourage and mentor those taking the first steps to acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. The outreach isn't limited to the adults either, as Jeke's photo of a youth group meeting in September shows at least 20 gathered there soaking up the truth that God loves them and wants them to live their best lives.



TASMANIA - SHANE & RUTH GOELST

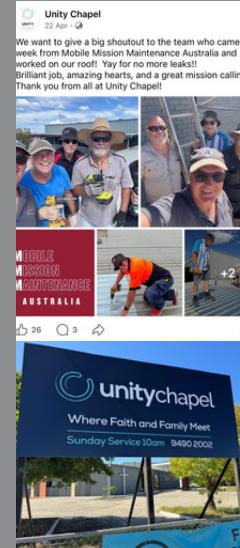
Earlier this year we completed our third project in less than two years for Geneva Christian School at their outdoor education campus at Interlaken in the Central Highlands. Why did we go so many times in quick succession? We hadn't given them assistance in the past. Should a school be receiving any help, let alone so much help? How was our assistance helping them spread the gospel? The answers to these questions justified our going there but the real reason we went so many times in quick succession – we loved it. For the team it was like going on camp. We were wonderfully looked after by Mike and Traci who not only prepared the food and served it to us, but cleaned up afterwards, every time. Log fires to sit in front of and chat; evenings around the piano or in the library; a walk in the beautiful countryside, fishing or even a paddle on the lake were included; we felt like we were on holiday while we were sanding and painting, sawing and hammering. And by the end of this year's project, the dorms are really looking good, making it a much better experience for all those students (many who don't come from Christian families) who have to leave their devices behind to spend their school camp surrounded by nature, with Christian mentors, learning about God, His creation and who He created them to be.



WA - TREVOR & KAREN BEARD

Can you imagine as a Pastor climbing into the roof space of your church to place pots under areas of the roof that leak and then to empty them after the rain. Well, this was the situation that JP had found himself. No real solution, as it would be unsafe to get any of his elderly members to do the same and the small congregation could not finance tradesman to complete the work.

But our Heavenly Father knows our every need before we even ask (Matt 6:8) and during a conversation with another parent in a school carpark MMM was mentioned, "Why not give them a call?" So, Pastor JP did. The phone call came at the right time with a short window between scheduled projects. A team, including a couple of new volunteers was put together and were up on the roof removing sheets and fixing new ones before we knew it. They were also able to remove the very old defunct gutters. JP and the Unity Chapel congregation were so excited to see the roof completed knowing it meant dry Church Services and no more fall hazards. *"You have blessed this Church so much more than you realise (JP)"*. Unity Chapel is very "Community Orientated" reaching out through childcare activities, pop up markets, mental health seminars, community lunches and hampers. MMM has continued to carry out additional maintenance.



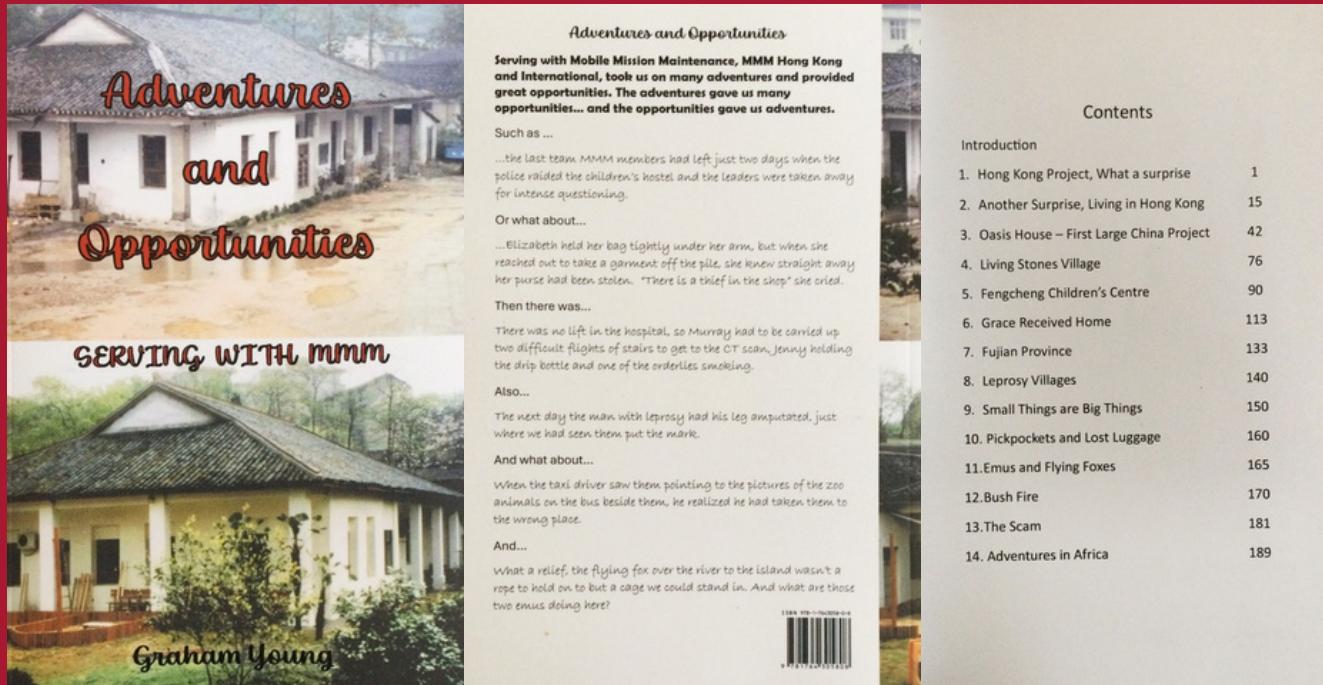
QLD - JOSH & TRISH BAADE

A project we completed this year was for Eleanor, who lived in Wellington Point near Brisbane. She had lost her husband after over 40 years of marriage at the beginning of the year and was struggling to keep up with the maintenance on her house. Given their past involvement with Open Doors Missions, her friend got in touch with MMM to see if we could give her a hand with a leaking gutter, and rotted door and down pipe. These projects didn't take long to accomplish, but the opportunity to sit with her, hear her story, her struggles, her triumphs, and to pray with her was by far the highlight of the project. To be able to serve someone in this practical way who had given their lives to Christian service in spreading the Gospel message was such a blessing to us and all who came along to that project. One time, as we were painting her new front door, two of the volunteers did the painting while the other sat with her and talked and prayed with her the whole time. It was such a great reminder that the impact of MMM goes beyond just the practical work we do; it's a blessing and an encouragement to fellow brothers and sisters in their Christian journey.



NEWS CORNER

NEW BOOK - BY GRAHAM YOUNG



Hot off the press Graham Young's new book 'Adventures and Opportunities'. Spanning the years 1981 through 2010, Graham covers the adventures of serving MMM in Hong Kong, China, Africa and Australia. Books are available to pick up at Head Office for \$20 or contact Graham directly on M: 0404 943 212 or E: geyoung1@gmail.com. Graham can send the book to you for \$25 including postage. All sales include a \$5 donation to MMM Australia.

ZAMBIA - MISSION AWARENESS TOUR - 2026

MAT Activities

1. Interaction with GLO Bible College (TBC)
2. Ministry visit to 3 local churches over 2 weekends
3. Site visit to MMM Satellite support locations
4. Interaction with 1 local school to run a student activity
5. Site visit to United Nations air crash memorial site
6. Interaction with MMM Vocational College students
7. Maintenance assistance at MMM Compound & VTC
8. Day trip to Nsobe game park
9. Visit to local shopping & market
10. Meet & greet with MMM Board & Staff incl VTC Staff (MAT team to provide lunch)
11. Attend local football match (if in season)

Proposed Dates

Depart Melbourne 28 April 2026 - Ndola - return Melbourne 13 May 2026

Costs included

Accommodation, meals (except in transit), airfares, planned local trips and activities, MMM donation \$200
TOTAL ESTIMATE \$4,500/person, expected 10-12 Participants