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Letter from the Director

This year has continued to be an encouraging time in the work of MMM New Zealand. We have been blessed to have the dedication and commitment of our Mobile Teams along with the very valued support of many Associates and Volunteers who have spent most of the first half of this year working at Oxford (near Christchurch), building a new administration building which included offices, conference room and kitchen/dining facilities for YWAM, (Youth with a Mission).

This project has been a great opportunity for MMM to fulfill its Mission and Vision Statements very well. Our goal is to see the 'Church' operate with the facilities they need to meet their particular calling and vision. YWAM, as part of their core values seek to give young people skills, particularly in the areas of evangelism and mission work, they are then equipped to go out and fulfill the 'Great Commission'.

It is not often that MMM gets to spend such a lengthy period of time and involve so many workers on one project, but this has certainly been a worthy cause. At the same time many other smaller projects have been undertaken and we know many ministries have been blessed as a result and are better able to focus on their 'core business', having had their practical needs met by MMM.

We are pleased to see the MMM Centre at Sabeto, Fiji occupied again with MMM staff. The needs in Fiji have not diminished and we trust we can provide encouragement to the local Christians as teams go to assist with the building projects there.

We are grateful for all the workers God brings to support our ministry, our prayer is that God will bring continue to widen our circle and bring many more people with the necessary skills to serve God within MMM. Can I encourage you to join us in this prayer.

Bruce Alchin
Director



MMM is a

- **Practical Ministry**
- **People Ministry**
- **Spiritual Ministry**
- **International Ministry**

Anyone with a willing heart to serve the Lord Jesus Christ can be involved

Mission Statement

MMM International exists to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ by building, renovating and maintaining facilities used in Christian outreach. It supports and encourages Christian work and workers while creating awareness of global missions and challenging people to become involved.

Vision Statement

To see the Church operate with adequate facilities for people of every nation, people and language to worship the living God. To see believers empowered, equipped and mobilised to fulfill The Great Commission.

MMM is a 'faith mission' and all who work with the Mission are volunteers. Because all labour is given free of charge to the people and organisations assisted, building projects are able to be undertaken more economically.

MMM began in 1975 to provide practical assistance to Christian organisations and community groups in outback Australia. Originally the work teams of willing volunteers travelled with their caravans and moved from one project to another. Eventually realising this was not the best use of resources, a National Centre was established at Whittlesea, Victoria, Australia to co-ordinate the manpower required for each project. Over subsequent years the work has expanded and centres are now established in seven countries.

Showing God's Love, Using Wood, Hammer and Nails

While living in Germany a good friend of mine told me about MMM NZ and gave me their web site details.

I got to know more of MMM and decided to get in touch with them so I wrote Bruce Alchin an e-mail. Within a month all my questions were answered and I arrived on January 30th 2009 at Pirongia.

After being shortly introduced to a few people in Pirongia and warmly welcomed, my first working week began. Together with David Halse and Rod Heape we renovated the kitchen and bathroom of retired missionary couple; John and Yvonne Childers at Te Kauwhata. I had very good conversations with the lady of the house even though she was 50 years older than me.

The 2nd and 3rd week of the month of February I spent with Haapi Wilson, David and Rod at the Titoki Healing Centre, never in my

life was I so well accommodated. We helped them redo 3 bathrooms; although we worked there we came home with new strength.

I also had while staying with MMM, two weeks off which I used to go sightseeing. I travelled



around and took my time to see how wonderful God's creation is. But through working with MMM I got to see even more of the country and got to know its people.

Several more weeks I worked with the MMM team, travelling all over NZ and I got to learn a lot, not many new manual skills but heaps of learning more of God's great love and how he provides. All the stories the people shared with us of how God helped them were very encouraging.

It was very interesting to see how different each church congregation can be, but each one has the same love in their hearts, Gods love! Not only that but also to see how they reach out in their areas to help the deserving poor. The whole time I spent with MMM the Lord showed me his love, sympathy and blessings through small and big daily things.

I am very thankful for being a part of this great mission, showing God's love to his people by using a lot of wood, nails and my hammer.

Timo Stephen, 23 year old from Germany.

Orientation and Information Days

Anyone wishing to join MMM full-time must complete an Orientation course. Over the years these have been run by MMM International (Australia) and New Zealanders travelled to the MMM Headquarters at Whittlesea to do the course. As MMM has developed in NZ the need has been felt to run an orientation course here in NZ. With the demise of the administration block at Whittlesea it was even more necessary to have our own course here. So a two day course was held at Pirongia on 6th and 7th of April with twelve people attending. Not all are intending to join MMM full-time but all had a keen interest in finding out how MMM functions. The International Director of MMM, Graham Young came over from Australia and took many of the lectures, together with Bruce Alchin, David and Jenny Halse. Ruth Carson did a wonderful job of catering for the two days. On the first night Felix Muchimba, chairman of the MMM Zambia Board came and spoke as he was on a tour with GCiM around NZ. It was a great evening of food and fellowship.

On Queen's Birthday Weekend Monday, Bruce Alchin, MMM NZ Director ran an Information Day for those in the South Island who were interested in learning more about MMM. Sixteen people had a great day of learning together. This was held inside the new conference room at the YWAM Centre, Oxford as many of the group had been helping on the project there during this year.

Back row: Neville Stewart, Margaret & Ron Laird, Ernie & Michelle Pene, Chris Donaldson (YWAM Director), Stan Schroder, Brian & Celia Sholl, Bruce Alchin.

Seated: Femmy Van Leeuwen, Rose-Mary Hunt, Gerard Van Leeuwen, Michael Thompson, Jacob Adams, Colin Penno, Ian Mason, Alan Mitchell, Bart Gilmore, Pam Alchin, Muriel Gilmore.



Work Reports

North Island

Below: Team to Orama, Great Barrier Island; Haapi Wilson, John & Sherril Baty, Rod Heape, David Halse, Nathan Kelly, Fraser Barrett



"MMM graciously spent just over a week ministering to us as a family. Besides the amazing witness it was to the whole neighbourhood, we now have a beautifully painted home of which we are very proud." Rev Chunillal Pema, Director of OMS International. The work team (David Halse, Ian Cross, Rod Heape, Timo Stephen and Haapi Wilson) painted the Pema family home and also cleaned and made repairs to the OMS Headquarters in Hamilton during March. OMS has approx ten missionaries serving overseas from NZ and is involved in sending short term mission groups.

Fairfield Baptist Church in Hamilton has had leaky roof problems for years. Now they are rejoicing because MMM came in March and fixed the problem. Rotting timber, roofing and guttering were replaced and contractors laid new Butynol. The pastor is glad he doesn't now have to cover his desk in a plastic sheet each night before he leaves to go home.

Graham and Sharon Walls have been serving with Mercy Ships for many years and have never owned their own home. With a promise from MMM to help with any maintenance needed they purchased a house in Auckland and MMM moved in for a week, mid March and painted interior walls, made some minor repairs and stained exterior walls before the family shifted in. The Walls family said; "God always promised us he'd come through for us when the time came for us to own our own home. What a testimony of God's goodness!" Thanks John Baty for helping on this project. Graham and Sharon can now get on with the task of recruiting more staff for the Mercy Ship.

During April the work team spent a few weeks at HIS International Mission, Glen Innes, Auckland. This is a multicultural church with recreational, training and accommodation facilities. The team helped to construct transit accommodation in a factory building which the church uses for all their activities. Maurice Turner came up from Matamata and helped the team – thanks Maurice.

Another job completed that month by David, Rod and Haapi involved replacing ranch sliders and a rotting staircase for Jeff and Jane Pelz, TSCF workers in Auckland. Jane said: "Thanks to you all, we can now walk confidently on our stairs! Thanks a



million... so pleased with all the work."

Next it was time to travel south and help the Taumarunui Baptist Church with their extensions. For some time this church has been operating at a lower level with their outreach programmes than they would like to. The new alterations and extensions will enable them to be more effective. Thanks to Roland Richards for your help with this project. The one hundred senior youth group kids and eighty juniors will be much better served in the extended building.

A team of seven people came together in May for a project at Orama Christian Trust on Great Barrier Island. John and Sherril Baty stayed for ten days and the rest of the team were there for almost three weeks. So thanks John and Sherril, Nathan Kelly and Fraser Barrett for your help. The team made renovations to the toilets in the



main building, tiled stair cases (see photo below left) and built two decks (see photo above) on staff houses. The weather was rather wet and windy so no fishing was done until the 9th day! Supply of materials is always a challenge when working on the islands!

David Halse, along with different team members has built five sets of stairs in the last two months!



South Island

Alan and Rosina Mitchell,
Ernie and Michelle Pene

The MMM team has now completed their commitment to the project at YWAM Oxford. We have had a busy few months. During April/May we have seen the building insulated and gibbed. The outside is nearly finished and the paths are all poured. The architraves and cornices have also gone on. Working with us we have had; Stan and Gail Schroder, Brian and Celia Sholl, Gerard and Femmy van Leeuwen, Clive Dennis, Cliff Hatton, Peter Cloughley, Bart and Muriel Gilmore, Jonathan Stark, Neville and Pauline Stewart, Ron, Ben and Judson Laird.

The building opened on the 30th of May and it was so good to get the interior painted by then. There is a new commercial kitchen, dining area to seat 100 or more, a lecture room, and offices for staff. The courses coming up here are an Earth Care DTS (Discipleship Training School) with an emphasis on caring for the environment and a Crossroads DTS for older people. Students usually come to YWAM and study for three months and then travel overseas or within NZ for three months serving the Lord. The two schools which are in at the moment are about to go on outreach, the Backpackers School and Round the World School, the students graduate on the top of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem! The Snowboarders School starts in few weeks, as snow covered hills are beginning to surround us. The Pene family, Rose-Mary and ourselves headed up to the snowline one weekend and threw some snow balls. We had two speaking engagements during May; one at the Plains Vineyard in Rangiora and another at Oxford Baptist. It's always good to spread the message about the work of MMM.

A small team also went into Christchurch and worked at the home of Stephen and Jocelyn Head. The Heads' have been missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators and now work for Heartstream, a ministry which supports and encourages missionaries. They often travel away overseas, so it was good to have the opportunity to meet them. They said we were very much an answer to their prayers as about 3 hours before we knocked on the door they had been praying that someone would help them with the house. So the team; Alan Mitchell, Brian and Celia Sholl, Stan Schroder and Ben Laird got busy. Ben, from the USA was impressed with the way the team got



in and emptied all the rooms and did the whole job painting and making everything fresh with a new coat of paint. He said most painting teams he knew would take one look and leave, but not MMM. The hearth around the fire was also fixed and replaced with new tiles.

During the time we were at YWAM, Oxford, Alan went with Cliff Hatton and Ben Laird to the West Coast and painted the roof of the Cobden/Runanga Anglican Church.



SITUATIONS VACANT

MMM New Zealand is seeking a suitably skilled person to take up the role of Director for NZ.

This is a "faith support" ministry role and the applicant would need to show a clear calling to this position. The commendation of their church would also be a requirement.

All enquiries should be directed to the MMM Board Chairman, Cameron Bennett, c/o MMM New Zealand, 1 Kane St, Pirongia 3802, or phone 07 829 4877 or 0275 810 877.

Waikato MMM Dinner Saturday 8th August

You're invited to come to the next MMM Dinner

6pm Chapel Hill Community Church cnr Cate and Rototuna Roads, Rototuna, Hamilton

\$20-00 per person \$35-00 per couple

Book in now for a great meal

Learn about the practical ministry of MMM

Hear about how God is blessing people's lives through MMM

There will be an opportunity to give to the work of MMM



For catering purposes RSVP before Tues 4th August to MMM Office 07 871 9161 mmmnz@mmm.org.nz

Introducing our MMM BOARD MEMBERS

Cameron Bennett -

Chairman.

Cameron has served on the Board since its inception in 1996 and has been chairman since 2001. Cameron is a builder and a farmer, married to Carol, father of 5 and a doting granddad of 5 grand children. He has led several Work Teams to Tonga and Vanuatu.



Doug Carson –

Vice Chairman.

Doug is a 'retired' farmer and along with his wife Ruth they do much of the gardening and farm work around the MMM Centre in Pirongia as they live nearby. Doug is also chairman of the Management Team. Doug and Ruth have 4 children and 9 grand children.



Lloyd Port - Secretary.

Lloyd joined the Board in 2007. He is married to Roseanne. Lloyd is a Quantity Surveyor and recently attended the MMM Orientation program held at Pirongia.



Pam Todd - Treasurer.

Pam is the newest member to the Board. Pam has a married daughter. Pam and her husband Bill are now serving with MMM in Fiji as the MMM Project Coordinators, initially for six months.



Chris Crawford.

Chris has his own building business, married to Sheryl and has 3 children. Chris has enjoyed going on many of MMM's overseas work teams to Fiji, Thailand and Russia.



Richard Crawford.

Richard lives in Te Puke with his wife Julie and they have 4 children. Richard has a building business and joined the Board in 2007. He has also worked with MMM teams in Fiji. Richard and Chris are brothers, each bringing their own areas of expertise to the Board.



Brian Glass.

Brian along with his wife Christine live and work at the Bridge Valley Adventure Centre near Nelson. They have 4 daughters and 2 grand children. Brian has a love for serving God with his hands and has been to Fiji a number of times with MMM.



David Halse.

David is the MMM staff representative on the Board. David is a full-time staff member of MMM along with his wife Jenny. David is MMM's Project Manager. The Hales have 3 daughters and 3 grandsons. David loves the practical work of MMM and prefers it to working in the office.





“When the Lord touches your heart to go and serve Him somewhere in the world, He will use you in a lots of ways before He puts you there.”

Keri Bidois, MMM NZ Associate on ‘fulltime assignment’ with MMM Hong Kong.

Howard and Ave Robinson from New Zealand, are working with MMM Hong Kong, Howard as Director and Ave in Administration. One component of their work is taking short term teams, (Encouragement Tours) to leprosy villages in China. The following is a testimony from Regina Chan, pictured above with Keri Bidois, who went as part of a team of 18 people on a trip over Easter.

“Guess what held me up from handing in my application to MMM for the Encouragement Tour? The truth is I was worried about seeing cats and dogs at the leprosy village. I’ve had a phobia about these kinds of animals since I was little. After a week of contemplation, I made the decision; yes! I believe when serving God and serving people I should put all my trust in God’s help. This action of love shouldn’t be stopped by my little personal anxiety. So the application was sent and the journey began.

When we arrived at the village we were immediately divided into three teams to do the painting in the residents’ home. Their rooms are little but full of stuff and dirt. We needed to remove furniture and anything possible out the door. In truth I hated this work because of the dust everywhere and also there were lots of mosquitoes; when we disturbed them they flew everywhere! But then I heard a brother say to a sister “Just get on with it, don’t worry.” I remembered Jesus was a good example of serving others and being humble. Although we were not professional we were happy to see the satisfied smiles of the villagers because

It took a year to wind up my business and sell my home before going to Hong Kong back in December 2008. Leaving my family in NZ, I headed for Hong Kong thinking that I would be in China very soon because China is the place the Lord had laid on my heart. I spent all of December and January in Hong Kong before I got to go to China. I was starting to get impatient, frustrated and ready to go home. Hong Kong is not a place that I like - in fact I hated the place. I didn’t like working on the projects here in Hong Kong because I thought that the places we worked on here are not poor enough and that they could afford to get contractors in to do their work. Well I was wrong. The Lord spoke to me through a ‘sister’ that their ministries need help as well, just like the orphan children in China where we go to make better living conditions for them. So the Lord dealt with me again in those two months on patience and that He is in control. I had to surrender myself to him and give Him my all. He took away those frustrations and the thoughts of returning home early and filled me with patience and peace in my heart. I finally went into China with the MMM team to a leprosy village, after waiting those two months. When we arrived at the border, I never had the fear like the first time I had been through. When I walked through the border into China I stopped and a huge wave of peace came over me and I said to myself “I’m HOME”.

I don’t know if you can understand what I have just shared but if the Lord puts on your heart where He wants you in His world, be open and ready for changes in your life. Proverbs 3 verses 5+6, 11+12 .

we made a small improvement in their home environment. On the second day I went with two brothers visiting the residents. Everyone welcomed us warmly to their homes. Some were happy for us to pray for them. One of the residents made a deep impression on me. He invited us into his home and told us that he believed in Jesus. There was a picture of Jesus on the wall and beside it there was a calendar with a picture of a monk. We were very curious to ask him the reason why there were the two pictures. He replied certainly that Jesus is the true God; the calendar was just a decoration. Then from his drawer he took out more photos to show us. We saw more photos of Buddhist idols. We tried to explain to him these Buddhist idols are fake gods. He confessed he knew that and willingly agreed for us to throw them away. We thanked God. I believe the seed of the gospel has been planted in him but because of the lack of Bible knowledge his behavior is a little off track. Therefore I reminded myself to be a good example so the people could see God in us. When I first saw the villager’s physical appearance I was a bit scared! Our leader asked us to shake their hands when we sang a song at the programme; that made me really worried. I was trying to think of a way to get out of it. However with the love of God I could break through my personal inhibitions and I shook their hands.

In conclusion this trip has offered me an opportunity to do some heart-searching and learning. From the lives of the residents I have learnt to treasure all I have and to be satisfied with a thankful heart.”

If you are interested in the work of MMM in Hong Kong or China you can find out more: www.mmm.org.hk or phone the MMM New Zealand office 07 871 9161.

Vladivostok, Russia

The 2nd of April saw a team of six leave Auckland for Vladivostok, Russia to lay tiles in the Living Hope Centre.

Aaron Dowman, a tiler by trade, David and Bev Reid, Barry Ngawhika and Peter and Yvonne Edwards (who had been to Vladivostok with the previous team) went with the express purpose of laying about 300sqm of tiles. We think building legislation in NZ is frustrating - but ‘we aint

seen nuthin!!!’ As Bev said “it was a case of one step forward and six steps back”. Nowhere near that many tiles were laid but there was much else achieved instead. The whole team were able to be a tremendous blessing and support for Rachael Hughes, CEO and founder of Living Hope, as she battled with the authorities to keep the Centre open and continue the vital work of providing shelter and rehabilitation for the street children of Vladivostok.

The team were very grateful for the help of Johnny Song, Principal of Intercultural Institute, NZ, who procured accommodation for them when the team had a layover in South Korea on the return leg. He met them at Incheon Airport in Seoul then helped them to get around the city and explore it the next morning. All in all many aspects of the project were very difficult but many of the team have said they’d go back to do more work for Living Hope in Vladivostok.

Upcoming Projects in NZ

ORGANISATION	LOCATION	DATES	PROJECT
North Island			
Family Ministries, YWAM	287 Springs Rd., Matamata	8 > 26 June	New ceilings and painting 5 accommodation units
HIS International Mission/Te Huruhi Trust	Omaru Lane Glen Innes, Auckland	29 June > 3 July 13 > 24 July	Converting factory into church and accommodation
Hamilton Christian School	4 Northcity Road RD 1 Hamilton	6 > 10 July	Alterations to music rooms
Charles & Ruth Sundgren	9 Midshipman Court Gulf Harbour	Date to be confirmed	Interior lining of new dwelling, basement & exterior concreting
Ngatiawa (Urban Vision)	82 Terrace Road, Reikorangi, Waikanae	10 > 21 August	Renovate and reclad bunk house
Rawene Centre	33-35 Rawene Rd, Birkenhead, Auckland	September	Build decking and entrance doors
Ossie & Jenny Fountain	10 Mexted Tce., Linden Wellington	19 > 30 October	Paint retired missionaries house
Mt Wellington Community Church	1 Waipuna Road, Mt Wellington, Auckland	November	Painting exterior of church and also kitchen
South Island			
Tirohanga Camp Mosgiel	214 Tirohanga Rd, Mosgiel	June	Renovate camp hall
En Hakkore	Rapid 207 Orangapai Rd Ranfurly	6 > 17 July	Renovations to retreat centre
Camp Columba	89A Kaiwera Road Pukerau, Gore	20 July > 14 August	Insulate ceiling and walls of dining room
Baptist Church	23 Ardwick Street, Gore	17 > 28 August	Renovate church kitchen
Tasman Bible Church Trust	6 Williams Road Tasman, Nelson	Date yet to be set	Additional rooms for Christian School
Waimea Christian Trust 'The Hub'	68 Newcastle Street, Riversdale	Date yet to be set	Renovate kitchen for discipleship training school
Camp Iona	35 Tullymett Road, Herbert, Otago	Late 2009/2010	Paint camp hall

IF YOU CAN HELP IN THE NORTH ISLAND

Ph David Halse and confirm that projects are on schedule
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FOR SOUTH ISLAND PROJECTS

Ph Alan Mitchell 021 164 4939

Check the web site www.mmm.org.nz (refer: Work Projects - Current Work Program)

Upcoming overseas projects

INDIA



Where: Chinnakuppam Village, Tamil Nadu, Chennai, India
Why: Building brick houses for the poorest of poor victims of 2004 Tsunami
Who: Anyone with bricklaying or labouring, handyperson skills
When: August 2009
What: Approximately \$3500 which includes air-fares, food and accommodation, taxes, insurance and travel.

For more details and to register your interest in overseas projects, contact:

Erica Wilson, Overseas Project Coordinator
 c/- MMM New Zealand
 1 Kane St, Pirongia 3802
 email: oseasprojects@mmm.org.nz

FIJI



Where: Lami, Suva, Fiji
Why: Building a new church building for Lami Gospel Community Church. At present they are meeting in a carport.
Cost: Approx \$1500-00 for 2 weeks

Left: Bill Todd, MMM Fiji Project Coordinator waiting to welcome YOU at Lami Gospel Community Church, Fiji

GARAGE SALE

Saturday 26th September

Furniture, tools, household goods etc in good, clean condition needed for the next MMM Garage Sale

Deliver to the MMM Centre, 1 Kane St., Pirongia or phone for collection 07 871 9161