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Howard Robinson loving being back on the
tools!! @ OAC Ministries office build.

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LETTER FROM THE Director

JUNE 2026



Welcome to the second edition of MMM New Zealand News for 2026. It is fair to say that recent months have seen MMM in full swing, with a steady stream of completed projects and multiple teams serving on worksites across New Zealand and into Fiji. We give thanks to God for His faithfulness and provision, seen so clearly through the willing hands and generous service of His people.

From exterior painting and renovations at Hibiscus Coast Presbyterian Church in Orewa, to repairs at Living Strong Ministries in Hamilton, to supporting camps and ministry facilities throughout the country, our volunteers have once again demonstrated what it means to "serve those who serve." In Fiji, despite the challenges of Cyclone Vaianu, teams continued pressing forward with faith and perseverance as they assisted with the construction of Salochna's home near Sabeto Christian Camp. These projects are about far more than buildings; they are about encouraging people, strengthening ministries, and freeing Christian workers to focus on the mission God has called them to.

Having recently finalised the statistical results for the past financial year in preparation for our AGM, to be held at the end of July, I am pleased to report a year of growth. Most noticeably, total volunteer hours increased by a healthy twenty percent! To God be the glory (1 Cor 3:6-7).

The result of this growth is an increased need for more volunteers. Please refer to the back page of this magazine and our website for details of upcoming projects and open team positions for volunteers with a wide range of skills. In addition to trades and practical support roles, there is also a need for people skilled in office administration, hosting, and prayer ministry. The key requirement is a servant heart and a willingness to use your skills for God's Kingdom. These opportunities exist in both New Zealand and Fiji, whether for short-term projects, part-time involvement, or full-time ministry service. If you feel this may be something God is calling you to, please get in touch with the office today.

Looking ahead, we are excited to gather with many of you at the upcoming MMM NZ Conference at Teapot Valley Camp in Nelson this October. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate what God has been doing through the work of MMM, encourage one another, and look ahead to the future of the ministry across New Zealand and the Pacific. I encourage everyone connected with MMM to prayerfully consider attending.

Thank you to every volunteer, supporter, and prayer partner who continues to stand with us. Your service is making an eternal difference.

Blessings

Steven Senn

Director, MMM New Zealand

Hey Farmers!

Do you have young stock you can donate for MMM's overseas work? Or can you graze an extra beast? Consider joining the MMM Farmers Fellowship.

Talk to Maurice: 027 498 4993

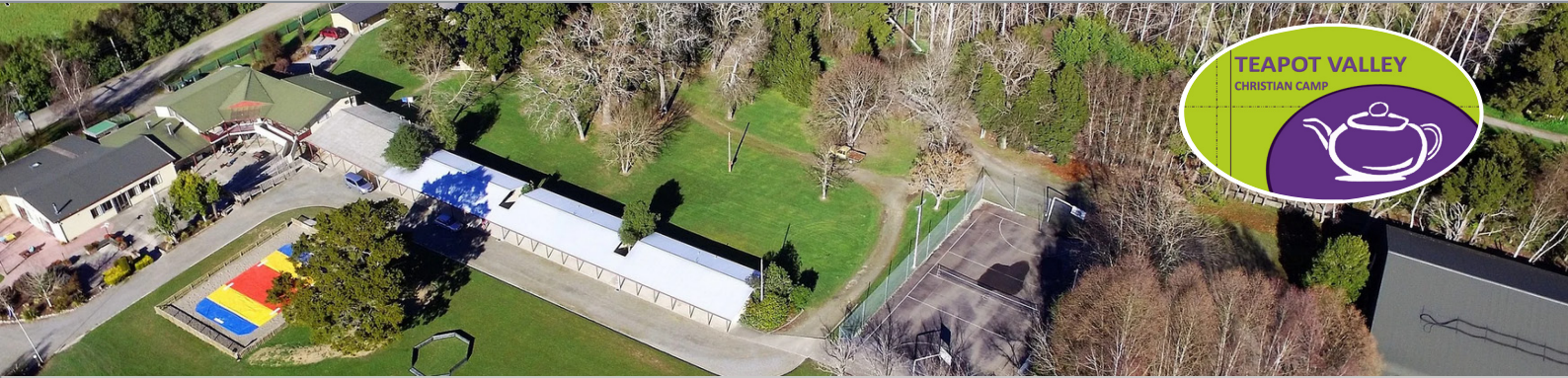
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*"We're extremely grateful.
It means we can direct more funds into our mission overseas."*

MMM NZ South Island Conference

Save the Date!
October 16th-18th 2026



Teapot Valley Christian Camp, Nelson

Join us for what promises to be a memorable and encouraging weekend as the MMM family gathers from across New Zealand, Fiji, and beyond for the MMM NZ Conference 2026.

Set in the beautiful surroundings of the Teapot Valley Christian Camp, this three-day event is an opportunity to celebrate God's faithfulness, reflect on the impact of practical ministry, and look ahead with vision and purpose to the future of MMM across New Zealand and the Pacific.

Whether you are a volunteer, supporter, prayer partner, tradesperson, associate, or simply someone who loves the ministry of MMM, this conference is for you.

Over the weekend you can expect:

- Inspiring keynote speaker sessions with ministry updates
- Encouraging testimonies from projects across NZ and Fiji
- Breakout sessions with something for everyone
- Fellowship, worship, prayer, and shared meals
- Fun activities, laughter, and time to reconnect
- Recognition and celebration of those faithfully serving in the ministry

Come and be refreshed, encouraged, and inspired as together we continue to "serve those who serve."

REGISTER TODAY!

Don't miss out!

Scan the QR code or go to our website: www.mmm.org.nz



We are also pleased to welcome David Riddell from Living Wisdom as the keynote speaker for our main Saturday session.

Most importantly, this conference is about people — coming together to honour God, to strengthen one another, and celebrate the privilege of serving His Church through practical ministry. Further details regarding registration, accommodation, transfers from the airport, and programme information will be released soon.



- **BUILDER**
- **PLUMBER**
- **ELECTRICIAN**
- **GIB STOPPER**
- **PAINTER**
- **ROOFER**
- **CARPENTER**
- **DRAINLAYER**
- **LANDSCAPER**
- **GLAZIER**
- **LABOURER**
- **DIY-ER**
- **PROJECT MANAGER**
- **BRICKLAYER**
- **JOINER**

ARE YOU IN THE TRADES??

If your skills and giftings are in the practical line and your heart is to use those skills to assist Christian churches and ministries here in NZ and the Pacific, then come and talk to us.

MMM carries out building and maintenance work free of charge for Christian workers and organisations. We are currently seeking full time and part time volunteers.

To expand the work and adequately respond to requests, we need more skilled Team Leaders - men and women from the trades who can lead our

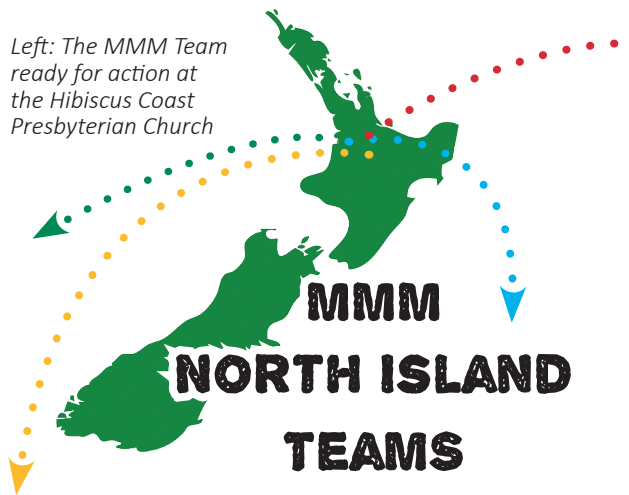
MMM offers great opportunities to **practically support** churches and ministries right here in Godzone.

volunteer teams. The work is always varied - everything from new builds to minor repairs and maintenance. We have roles for both local and mobile volunteers, as part time or full time volunteers.

Want to know more?
Phone Mike, our Project Coordinator on 021 272 1562 and start the conversation!



Left: The MMM Team ready for action at the Hibiscus Coast Presbyterian Church



PROJECT REPORTS

Living Strong Ministries Hamilton

Living Strong Ministries offers prayer counselling and training to churches in NZ and missionaries worldwide. The Directors, Mike and Linda's Hamilton house provides a counselling space and a home office for the ministry.

The MMM Team replaced a window in the master bedroom, lined a wall with building paper, insulated and re-gibed, creating a much healthier home and workplace.



Mike and Linda remarked:

"It was so great to work with Wade, Lejf and Adam; they such a great team. We had great chats during the morning tea, encouraging each other in God. Also praying for MMM teams and projects in New Zealand and around the world. You guys are reaching and helping ministries that would struggle, or find it impossible to get the practical stuff done. Thank you so much for supporting Living Strong Ministries is this way.

It enables us to put money into reaching, encouraging, ministering and training many missionaries and the body of Christ around the world and in New Zealand."

Project Dates: 2 - 13 March 2026
Team: Wade Linnell (Leader), Lejf Pedersen and Adam Hanson.

Totora Springs Christian Centre, Matamata

After years of planning Totora Springs' Cabin Project is progressing well. The MMM Team was called in to construct bunk beds and shelving units from flatpacks and install them into the new cabin block.



Project Date: 16 - 30 March 2026
Team: Wade Linnell (Leader), Lejf Pedersen, Dave King, Adam Hanson, Sam Wainwright, Mark Brown

Narrows Park Christian Camp, Hamilton



Narrows Park Christian Camp excels at developing leadership skills in young people.

With 27 acres just beyond Hamilton City, they can cater for groups of up to 350 people when combining all the available accommodation options including marae-style sleeping in the halls. They have 120 cabin beds, powered sites and acres of camping. This Camp is a great asset for the Christian community but takes a lot to upkeep. MMM was pleased to come back this year and assist the Camp with installing lights in the Auditorium, an outside wash up sink, hooking up a stove and installing gutters on a dorm. The roof of the Manager's house also received a coat of paint.

Project Dates: 23 - 27 March 2026
Team: Lejf Pedersen (Leader), Mike Taylor

Hibiscus Coast Presbyterian Church, Orewa

Project Dates: 7 - 24 April 2026
Team: Francois Schoeman (Leader), Lejf and Lynette Pedersen, Glen Munn, Martin Chapman, Wade Linnell

The Orewa community is rapidly expanding and is providing a growing mission field to the congregation at Hibiscus Coast Presbyterian Church. The main church building serves for Sunday services as well as children's ministry, English language and Bible study groups, counselling, funerals and other community facing activities.



The church building celebrated 75 years of service in 2025 and unsurprisingly was

Athletes In Action, Auckland

looking a little tired so they applied to MMM for assistance with exterior repairs and painting. The congregation was saved a significant expense, money better put to their support of work like missions in Vanuatu!

CYC Camp, Ngaruawahia

Christian Youth Camps offer a quintessential Kiwi Kid experience with outdoor education and a place to connect, in a wholesome Christ-centered environment.

Because of today's increasingly secular environment we cannot underestimate the privilege and responsibility that camps like CYC hold while New Zealand still keeps a level of religious freedom.



When the CYC Camp manager reached out to MMM again for assistance, the Team was glad to help. Among the long list of jobs requested of MMM was the installation of newly painted playground components.

Dates: 28 April - 22 May 2026
Team: Lejf Pedersen (Leader), Wade Linnell, Mike Taylor, Sam Wainwright, Adam Hanson, Mark Adams

The relentless mental, physical and social demands of being an athlete will test the spiritual stamina of a Christian. Athletes in Action love raising the question "How do I integrate my sport and faith?".

Athletes in Action offers discipleship to Christian athletes, in the professional and student spheres, and reaches out to athletes that don't yet know the Saviour.



MMM Volunteer, Francois Schoeman, led a team to repair, sand and paint wooden windows at the home of Athletes in Action's National Director and Auckland Team Leader.

The MMM Team was joined by three others from Athletes in Action. The Lord provided great weather and all the frames were successfully painted. The Team offered some additional work in including adjustment to some windows and also the front door. With windows airtight once again, the Director has a healthier home and a better home office space.

Dates: 28 April - 8 May 2026
Team: Francois Schoeman (Leader), Ken Ogden

BY WISDOM A HOUSE IS BUILT,
AND THROUGH UNDERSTANDING
IT IS ESTABLISHED;
BY KNOWLEDGE ITS ROOMS
ARE FILLED WITH ALL KINDS OF
PRECIOUS AND PLEASING TREASURES.
[PROV 24: 3-4]

OAC Ministries, Porirua

OAC's primary work is preaching the gospel and encouraging and equipping God's people for evangelism. OAC (Outreach and Church Ministries) is the New Zealand division of Open Air Campaigners. There are branches in more than thirty countries.

The National Office and Wellington Branch of OAC needed a space for preparing for outreaches, training and preaching. MMM lined, plastered and painted the basement of the Director's house to create a home office. Lights and power were also installed.



Dates: 30 April - 15 May 2026
Team: Howard Robinson (Leader), Ave Robinson, Stephen Douglas, Neville Pinfold, Colin Lewis

Remembering the Founder of MMM NZ

By Bruce Alchin

In 1992, Charles Sundgren was given a copy of the MMM Australia newsletter highlighting the need for a coordinator to establish the work of Mobile Mission Maintenance in New Zealand.

After much prayer and discussion with his wife Ruth, and encouragement from leaders of Mobile Mission Maintenance Australia, they sensed God calling them to the role.

Following visits to MMM International Headquarters in Whittlesea, Australia, Charles and Ruth returned inspired and completed orientation training in early 1994 before establishing MMM NZ from their home in Tauranga. In 1995, the ministry expanded with support from Peter and Kay Brown and later the establishment of the MMM Centre at Pirongia.

Charles and Ruth travelled extensively throughout New Zealand promoting the ministry, encouraging prayer fellowships, supporter groups, and volunteers with practical skills. Charles was a visionary leader whose faith and perseverance helped shape MMM NZ during its pioneering years. After five years leading the work, they stepped aside but remained closely connected to MMM as associates with Charles still contributing as a member of the Board until April 2002.

Charles passed into Glory on the 4th January 2026, aged 94, leaving a legacy that continues to bless many to this day. Well done good and faithful servant!!



MMM SOUTH ISLAND TEAM

PROJECT REPORTS

Fantail Ministries, Rangiora



It was the stuff of nightmares. A hidden, slow leak had caused extensive water damage, severely affecting the wooden floors, bearers, and joists in both the laundry and bathroom. Initial commercial repair estimates came in at over \$50,000!

The property is owned by the founder and director of Fantail Ministries and is rented while are working to grow the ministry's impact across the global digital mission field.



Fantail Ministries operates Fantail Studios, a hugely talented group of artists creating media that tells the stories of people and movements around the world, displaying the radical love and power of Jesus Christ, planting seeds and revealing truth. MMM took on the repairs, saving them literally tens of thousands of dollars, and helping Fantail Ministries stay on task with what they do best - in their words, taking "viewers on a journey of discovering Jesus." Their content is free and available on both online and television platforms.

Dates: 16 March - 2 April 2026

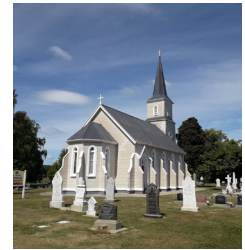
Team: Alan Mitchell & Howard Robinson (Leaders), Ave Robinson, Rosina Mitchell, Willie van't Wout, Dean Farrow, Michael Welsh, Peter Cooper, Gerard & Femmy van Leeuwen

St Paul's Lutheran Community Church, Upper Moutere

Normally a church manse is for the pastor to reside in, but in the case of St Paul's Lutheran Community Church, the current pastor owns his own house. The beauty of that is that the manse can be rented, and with the rental income supplementing the offerings they can afford to have a full-time Pastor and run all the ministry programmes that they do.

The manse exterior had last been painted in 2010 and was well due for a repaint. Quotes were upwards of \$30,000 so MMM decided to pitch in and help. St Paul's Lutheran is a huge blessing to its community. The list is impressive: Church Services, Sunday School, Small groups - all open to the whole Community, Ministry to the Elderly in rest homes, Discipleship group for teens, RI and Chaplaincy in the

local school, Food and Firewood for families in need, Pastoral care available to the whole community, Missionary support (Prayer and financial) for Brazil and Africa and even a local casual walking group - open to anyone.



Yet, just a few years ago, before

Christmas 2020, the church was in the news - robbers had stolen everything they could possibly carry from the church including a Gottfried Lindauer painting, carvings and the silver communion set and candlesticks - they'd been in the church since the 1840s. They even damaged the ceilings attempting to pull down the heaters. But God was watching over this congregation and in a slightly bizarre turn of events the items were stolen from the thieves and kindly restored to the church!



The Haymans, the Robinsons and Willie and Pauline stayed onsite in their mobile homes, while other Team Members were hosted or travelled daily to the site. Dirk Mund, Leigh Briers and Pastor Andy Marr also pitched in providing a total of 777 MMM hours and 150 local volunteer hours to complete the project.

MMM was pleased to assist this church. Team Leader Howard reported, "They were so appreciative of the work the team did. There was a lot of thanks and we were given bottles of honey and lots of apples. The tenants in the house are beekeepers. Daniel, Allison and Graeme and Lyn had left the project early so, on the way to Picton, we delivered the honey and apples to them. Great to see such wonderful team members again.



Dates: 9 April - 24 April

Team: Howard Robinson (Leader), Ave Robinson, Mike Nicholls, Graeme and Merelyn Hayman, Pauline Jeffs, Ronnie McArthur, Willie van't Wout, Daniel and Allison Le Heux, John Pauling, Lyn Pauling, Brian Glass, Ross McLay, Joanne Shirtcliff

MMM (Fiji)

Faith in a storm and a heart to serve

“ If we had been told we’d go on a mission trip to Fiji during a Category 3 tropical cyclone with 16 children, no mains power, no hot water, no washing machine and goats in the bathroom we would have probably said, no thanks, not for us - But we’re sure glad we said yes!” Leigh Mason. ”



geckos, dogs, goats, roosters and a different way of life, with plans continually changing due to the storm. There was still a real sense of God’s peace and answered prayers prevailing, with an understanding that this was always God’s plan A.

Our team built deep relationships as they interacted with locals, being challenged that real joy comes from our God and isn’t found in worldly possessions and comfortable circumstances. They relished the opportunity to share with locals, hear their stories, and encourage them and build into their lives. In return they felt blessed by the love and hospitality they received and were able to reflect on their own blessings seeing what others didn’t have.

The trip served as a powerful reminder of the beauty of the body of Christ. “It was amazing to see how beautiful it is to serve no matter how old you were or what skill set you had to bless others,” said

Melissa Chapman-Smith. Everyone had a part to play and something to bring to bless others when they came with willing hands and an open heart.

After the cyclone we cleaned up the camp of all the debris from the storm, before installing trusses and completing a considerable amount of the roof framing on Salochna’s house.

The team left Fiji with stronger faith and friendships, proving that God’s plans are always the best ones—even in the middle

of a cyclone. We continue to work towards Salochna’s home being finished. If you are interested in partnering with us on this either in finances or labour, please let us know.

In April, a team of 9 adults and 10 children from Morrinsville Baptist Church arrived in Fiji to continue the work of building a house for Salochna, a recent widow who has been camp manager at Sabeto Christian Camp for over twelve years. She has long dreamed of having her own home. However, in less than 12 hours of the team’s arrival, Cyclone Vaianu hit Fiji.

The storm brought an immediate halt to any outdoor construction, with mains power cut across Sabeto. Using a generator for lights and keeping battery tools charged, the team transformed the camp dining room into a makeshift workshop to build trusses, paint fascia and build games for kids ministry.



For many of the families, the greatest building project happened internally. The faith of the parents and children alike was stretched and strengthened as they intentionally put themselves out of their comfort zones, even though it may not have been the simplest season of life to do it! As they lived in community with like minded people while negotiating life in a cross-cultural setting including spiders, rats,

MMM Zambia roller coaster

MMM Zambia does not run on the same model as MMM Centres in other countries. Rather, MMM Zambia operates a Christian-based Vocational Training Centre (VTC) aiming to empower, equip and encourage trainees with “hands on” practical skills, mainly in construction. They are registered as a Government accredited institution through TEVETA but during Covid the goal posts were shifted and MMM Zambia, along with many other training institutions, was required to meet a new set of standards. MMM Zambia has been working to meet these however the process has faced unusual requests and lengthy delays from officials and so the call was put out by MMM for some targeted prayer.

Praise the Lord, finally, MMM Zambia has now been approved to run two courses - Computer Appreciation and Entrepreneurship - and is continuing to work towards approval for their main courses - Bricklaying, Plastering and Carpentry. But, on the heels of that achievement came yet another visit from TEVETA officials and Zambia was told that their VTC must acquire additional tools and concrete mixers totalling NZ\$8000 to equip all 40 students. Previous courses had worked successfully by sharing the existing resources among students. This latest burden on the VTC comes with the threat of losing approval to run all their courses if not met by July! So please continue to lift Zambia up in your prayers.

Nonetheless, God continues to provide in surprising ways. MMM Zambia Director, Florence N-Kaniki adds:

“Another praise item - the electricity company (Zesco) has been installing 16 watt fluorescent tubes in institutions. MMMZ was graciously added by one young man who believes in it’s vision. Last week, they replaced about 100 florescent tube’s which would have cost us about US \$800. These will last for 5 years & are water resistant. I have spent about \$100 on replacing fittings. So now MMMZ is bright at night! “

To discuss gifts for MMM Zambia toward the cost of the additional tools and concrete mixers please email director@mmm.org.nz

Upcoming Projects in NZ

YOU CAN JOIN!

Tradespeople, DIY-ers, Volunteers - Grab your tools!

25 May - 5 Jun	Totara Springs Camp	Matamata	Assembling bunks
08 Jun - 26 Jun	Kaueranga Valley Christian Camp	Thames	Painting and maintenance
29 Jun - 24 Jul	YWAM - Family Ministries NZ	Matamata	Room extension to existing houses
06 - 17 Jul	WEC Aotearoa NZ	Porirua	Deck and handrail
06 - 24 Jul	Elevate Christian Disability Trust	Auckland	Strip wallpaper, plaster & paint
03 - 28 Aug	Camp Raglan	Raglan	Bathroom renovations and painting
10 Aug - 4 Sept	Totara Springs Camp	Matamata	Assembling bunks
31 Aug - 18 Sep	Matamata Bible Church	Matamata	New ceiling in church foyer
02 - 20 Nov	International Word of Life	Hamilton	Alterations to building



VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME FOR ALL THESE PROJECTS

Got a camper? Consider joining an mobile team. Caravan parking is available on most projects
Visit our website for the most up-to-date schedule and give us a call before arriving

Project Coordinator: 021 272 1562 | projects@mmm.org.nz | www.mmm.org.nz/projects

Waikato - based builders wanted for placement of MMM MoMentuM Interns

MMM
MoMentuM
Internship

MMM NZ partners with Christian builders and apprentices to give young people the best foundation and headstart for their future.

We take the hard work out of taking on an apprentice. Want to know more? - Give us a call!

Projects Still To Be Scheduled

MMM need Team Leaders and Volunteers for these Projects. **Call us!**

NORTH ISLAND

- Massey Community Church, West Auckland - Exterior painting
- Birkdale Bible Chapel, Auckland - Exterior painting
- Ahuriri Putorino Presbyterian Church, Napier - Paint church exterior
- Student Life, Wellington - Convert garage to home office
- Tandem Ministries, North Harbour - Exterior and interior painting
- HSNZ (Home Schooling NZ), Wellsford - Line existing garage
- Moirs Point Christian Centre, Mangawhai Heads - Bush Camp building
- Anglican Church of the Epipany, Masterton - Exterior painting

SOUTH ISLAND

- Woodend Christian Camp, Christchurch - Maintenance and paint
- St Johns Anglican Church, Hira, Nelson - Exterior painting
- En Hakkore, Ranfurley - Bathrooms, painting and more...
- Youth Venture, Moutere - Exterior painting

Situations Vacant

Are you passionate about serving God? Are you proficient with modern office systems? Do you love to communicate, encourage and organise?

Office Administration Assistant for MMM Fiji
Part time in-country role (Nadi), supporting the Project Coordinator and visiting teams.

Office Administration Assistant for MMM New Zealand
1 - 3 days per week, voluntary role, flexible hours and varied work at our Pirongia Centre.

Enquiries to Steven (07) 871 9161 or email info@mmm.org.nz

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