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Fiji Waidradra project, building two
bathroom facilities and four water tanks for
the community.

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LETTER FROM THE Director

September 2026



Welcome to the 3rd edition of the MMM New Zealand News. As I reflect on the stories in this edition, one theme stands out clearly: **We are better together!** And accordingly, that is our theme for the up-and-coming MMM New Zealand conference in Nelson!

Over recent months our teams have worked on quite a variety of projects, from camps and churches to training and community facilities. A familiar theme surfaces, where we hear the same testimony. Ministries are grateful not simply because work has been completed, but because volunteers arrive with a heart set on making a difference through practical service. The letter from the Elevate Christian Disability Trust is a beautiful example of this. Their appreciation was not only for the painting and renovations, but for the fellowship, devotions, prayer, and genuine care shown by the team. A blessing all round for us and most importantly for them!

I am also encouraged by the growing partnerships developing throughout our wider MMM family. The work being undertaken in Fiji, in collaboration with Anglican Missions, Zambia VTC and local communities, reminds us of the powerful difference that can be made when organisations unite around a common purpose. Access to training, clean water, sanitation, and improved health facilities may seem like simple goals, yet they have a profound impact on daily life and provide practical opportunities to demonstrate the love of the Lord in action.

Likewise, thank you to those who have financially contributed to the MMM Zambia Vocational Training Centre (VTC) Tool Appeal. Your generosity has resulted in the full target budget being met and the essential tools and equipment have now been purchased. This fulfils another government inspector criteria, on the way to gaining accreditation to restart the VTC trade courses. Please do keep the VTC accreditation in your prayers as these courses are transformational for those that attend.

As many of you know, MMM relies heavily on volunteers. Whether you serve for a day, a project, a conference weekend, or through faithful prayer support, every contribution matters. Some swing a hammer, some prepare meals, some provide transport, some give financially, and others quietly uphold the ministry before God in prayer. Each role is significant. Together we accomplish far more than any one person could achieve alone.

This year's South Island Conference carries the theme **Better Together**, and I can think of no better description of what God continues to do through MMM. I encourage you to join us in Nelson if you are able. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, be encouraged, hear from our speaker David Riddell, and celebrate what God is doing in and through our ministry. **Don't delay sign up today!!**



Finally, I wish to pay tribute to **Jeanette Russell** our talented Office Administrator having resigned from her position at the end of July. Jeanette's attention to detail and diligent work was greatly appreciated and not easily replaced. As you will appreciate the work never stops in the office, therefore we are very thankful to welcome back on a part-time basis **Ave Robinson** and new to MMM, **Debby Baxter** - filling in while we look to recruit a new full-time Administrator for the role. Please see the situation vacant for further details, especially if this is God calling you to service or someone you know.

May God continue to strengthen and guide us as we work together for His Kingdom.

Blessings,

Steven Senn
Director, MMM New Zealand

Conference South Island Conference

October 16th-18th 2026

Better Together



We are looking forward to seeing you at our Better Together conference October, 16th - 18th at Teapot Valley Christian Camp. Don't delay, registrations are coming in, make sure we receive yours soon!

Our speaker for this year's conference is, David Riddell. David is well known in New Zealand as an author, counsellor and speaker. Over 40 years of Christian ministry, he and his wife Rosemary, as Founders of Living Wisdom Life Skills and Counselling, have ministered together in various places in New Zealand, Australia and Internationally. They teach the fully integrated disciplines of Biblical Counselling, Psychology, Systematic theology and Mental / emotional health fundamentals to health professionals and the general public alike. David first became interested in the work of MMM while residing and teaching at the MMM



Centre in Ndola, Zambia. There he made many connections, and now operates a charitable organisation for the poor from Zambia and Uganda known as 'David's Angels'.

Living Wisdom is also taught in christian schools throughout NZ, Australia and Africa, along with the ministry of 'My Life

Rulz', 'Soul Tour' and the book for teenagers 'Wisdom 101'. They make their home in Nelson, where 10 day intensives and weekend seminars are held throughout the year on their home base campus in Stoke.

David and Rosemary may be contacted at office@livingwisdom.co.nz



REGISTER TODAY!

Don't miss out!

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



Elliot Marshall's Commissioning

It was exciting and encouraging for the MMM team to gather with the Marshall family for Elliot's commissioning at his family's church, Huntly Baptist; for full-time service with MMM. Elliot brings a wonderful heart for mission and skills as an experienced builder which is a wonderful asset to the team.

Prayer Fellowship's



MMM is grateful to the many who pray for the ministry of MMM. God is our enabler in the work, and as we pause and pray we are acknowledging that we rely on his strength.

You are invited to share in the prayer ministry of MMM. Either by meeting with one of the prayer groups below or receiving the MMM Prayer Force, our monthly prayer calendar.

Do you believe in prayer?
Will you pray for MMM and those we minister to?

MMM Prayer Fellowships operate in the following areas:

Porirua

2nd Monday of the month. Porirua, 7.30pm (with refreshments)

Hastings

2nd Tuesday of the month. 3pm

South Island, Kaiapoi

2nd Tuesday of the month 2.30pm, (with refreshments). Online available

Hamilton

2nd Thursday of the month.
6:15pm Pot Luck Dinner, 7pm Prayer

Te Awamutu

3rd Tues of the month, 2pm

Auckland, Henderson

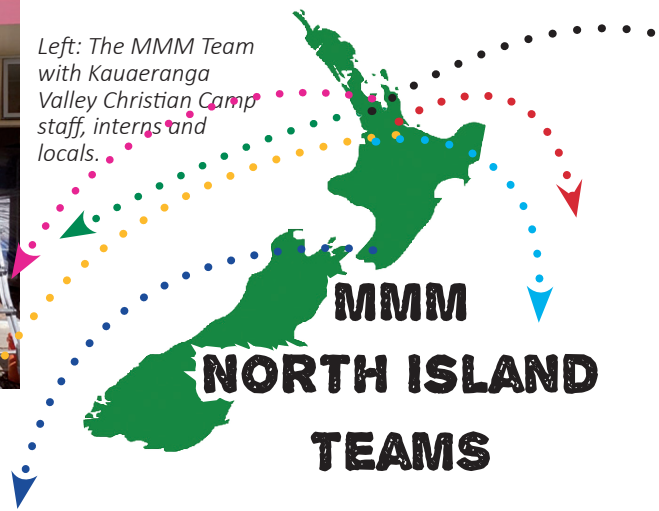
3rd Tues of the month. 7pm

Contact the MMM office for more details - 07 871 9161
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Left: The MMM Team with Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp staff, interns and locals.



PROJECT REPORTS

Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp - Thames

Praise the Lord the team had the right weather for this project, where they replaced rotten barge and fascia boards and painted the interior of the cabins. Our team enjoyed working with and having great conversations with the camp staff, interns and locals. Following the project Phil, the camp manager sent the following message to Mike the MMM Project-Coordinator,



"Last week we wrapped up three weeks of painting work with your MMM team and man were they awesome! We had a mixture of rain, sun, and cold mornings to navigate, and still managed to get a significant amount of work completed. Once again, it was a joy having MMM here to serve with us."

A personal highlight for me, beyond seeing some of the old red paint disappear, was hearing an MMM worker praying during a morning devotional time: "Lord Jesus, thank you for allowing us (MMM) to be a part of this ministry". MMM is absolutely a part of this ministry, not just workers who come and go on occasion." Team Leader – Leif Pedersen, Jim Best, Gordon Harkness, Wade Linnell, Rangi Moses, Howard Robinson, Noel Suckling

YWAM - Family Ministries Matamata

The stated purpose of this YWAM Centre is, Our Vision is to See People and Families Restored, Discipled, Equipped and Mobilised into the WORLD. To LOVE others and be of SERVICE to GOD and the NATIONS. To achieve this they have a lovely site in the

Waikato. Our project was to add a room to a house used for accommodation. Wade, who led this project was busy for four weeks and was thankful for the support of local volunteers. *Team Leader: Wade Linnell and Allan Wardrom*



WEC Aotearoa - Porirua

A new deck was built for the WEC property allowing for a wonderful outdoor living area for the guests, students and staff of WEC. The team had many new volunteers who bonded well and had times of spiritual encouragement. Words such as, Give, Talent and even MMM were inscribed on the vertical pailings. To read more of Stephen's learning on this project read his written piece on page six. *Team Leader - Bruce Welsh, Stephen Douglas, Neville Forman, Colin Lewis, Todd Rolston, Hadyn Upfold*



Moirs Point Christian Camp - Mangawhai

This camp has been operating since 1958 and is still developing to create a wonderful site for campers. A few MMM volunteers gave them a hand with their new bush campsite. The team



worked with the local builders on this site wrapping building paper, putting on battens and fixing fascias. *Team Leader - Howard Robinson, Ave Robinson, Louis van der Walt*

MMM Centre - Pirongia

MMM have had a lovely site at the foot of the Pirongia mountain, since 1996. During the month of July the team renovated the accommodation unit named, 'Fiji'. If you are ever in the area and need a bed be sure to let us know, we may have one available. *Team Leader - Elliot Marshal, Luca Marshall, Kaitlin Turner, Howard Robinson*

Totara Springs - Matamata

Totara Springs Christian Centre has been operating for sixty years! Recently they built new accommodation. Our project was to install precut bunk beds in the new accommodation block, think large 3D jigsaw puzzle! While the team were on site, it came time for H.M RAGE, a youth camp with 500 attendees that has been running since 1985 and whose stated mission is, "RAGE exists to boldly share the Gospel with young people, creating powerful moments where they can clearly hear, understand, and respond to Jesus". During RAGE many were counselled for the following reasons; First time commitment/Salvation - 14 Recommitment - 22 Bibles given out by TSCC - 57 Received prayer - 26 Questions -11

And, next year the campers will have new comfortable bunks to sleep in! *This is an ongoing project that many of the team have served on.*

"Thank You MMM, for Serving Alongside Us!"

The following letter sent to the MMM office following the Elevate Christian Disability Trust project, Auckland of painting and renovating their offices.

We are so grateful to the MMM team for spending three weeks with us at the Elevate Centre in July.

The hard work has made such a difference to our Centre. The building has had a much-needed refresh, but what we appreciated most was the way the whole project was approached – with care, generosity and a real heart to serve.

Every morning at 10am, we shared morning tea, devotion and prayer. These became special times to pause in the middle of the morning, share together and remind one another to keep Christ at the centre of all that we do.

Having MMM with us was also a wonderful reminder that we are part of God's bigger family. Over the three weeks, we shared our stories, encouraged one another, and passed on our skills and knowledge. There were many conversations about faith and life, as well as opportunities to talk about what God is doing in our lives. These conversations, along with our times of prayer and devotion, reminded us that we are part of something bigger – serving God and building His kingdom through the way we work, care for one another and serve together. It was a special time of fellowship, learning from one another and growing together in faith.

We especially valued the way Francois led the team, both in the preparation and planning before the project and throughout the three weeks at Elevate. He took the time to understand what was needed, organise the team and make sure everyone had a place to contribute. He honoured and valued everyone who came to help, regardless of their ability, making sure everyone was welcomed, included and given an opportunity to contribute. This reflects so much of what we value at Elevate – that everyone belongs and everyone has something to offer.

The three weeks were a big commitment, with long days of building, sanding, painting, preparing, moving and cleaning. Francois, Leif, Lynette, Ken, Jo and Mike gave generously of their time, skills and energy, and their contribution has made a lasting difference to our Centre.

More than the changes to the building, we will remember the humility, generosity and Christ-centred spirit the MMM team brought with them.

Thank you, MMM, for blessing Elevate and for reminding us what it looks like to serve together as God's family.
Written by Jacqui Sua, on behalf of the Elevate Team

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- Elevate Team

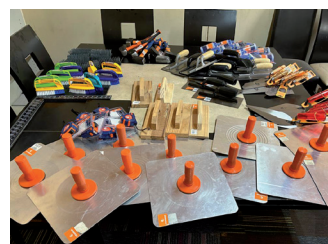


MMM Zambia - Your chance to support the VTC that's changing lives.

“ MMM Changed my life. It helps people arrive where they could not arrive by themselves.
- Patrick (Former student) ”

In the last issue we shared that the MMM Zambia Vocational Training Centre had some extra costs with regard to new equipment requirements put on them by the government training organisation TEVETA. Previously, the VTC had insisted on students purchasing their own equipment as this ensures they are serious about studying and learn to care for their own gear. However, now the VTC must purchase them. Many thanks to those who gave generously in support of MMM Zambia, your gifts, plus gifts from Australia and the USA, allowed for the purchase of tools and equipment. But there are still ongoing needs with internet service, solar power and water pumps to help the VTC operate effectively. Please pray for MMM Zambia and these needs.

To discuss gifts for MMM Zambia please email director@mmm.org.nz



RUNNING WILD

A Greenie on an
MMM Project



Here is a humorous account written by Stephen C Douglas an MMM Associate, who shared his MMM journey in Issue 1 2026. Recently Stephen was on the WEC, Titahi Bay deck building project and came across some new building terms with the result being he sharpened his builders pencil and blessed us with this account;

I wander onto the site and see three guys standing head-to-head, talking a language I've never studied but apparently should already know.

One looks like he's been building decks since Noah needed an extension, another has the quiet confidence of a man who knows exactly where every tool is, and the third is the young chippie who already has an answer before the question is finished.

I slow my pace, pretending to admire the view, but really, I'm all ears.

The older bloke points towards the house. "You two sort the ledger. I'll organise the post holes, span the beam, set the posts in pile mix and leave them overnight."

The second fellow hardly pauses before replying. "I'll do the joists and bearers. While the two greenies hammer left and right wire dogs I'll cut the noggings."

I nod as though I understand every word. Truth is, I'm wondering why anybody would hammer dogs.

The young chippie joins in. "Leave the bearers running wild until they're chalk-lined. We'll trim them back later."

Running wild? I'd only ever heard that expression used for horses, children, or politicians. Apparently, timber does it too.

The second fellow nudges the older bloke. "I'll make the stringers. Knock up a template, use the router and notch them out quicker than your handsaw."

The older bloke suddenly looks about ten years older. Then comes what sounds suspiciously like a theological debate.

"Smooth side up," says the young chippie. "No. Groove side up," replies the older bloke without even looking up.

Silence. Nobody argues. Nobody smiles.

I get the feeling this discussion has been going on since Noah built the ark.

The apprentice wisely changes tack. "I'll lay the train track and string the boards. The two greenies can spend half the day nailing and punching."

Now I know where I fit into the grand construction plan.

By now I've decided my safest job is wicket keeper.

I stand well back, hands ready, watching everything, hoping nothing flies off the drop saw in my direction.

I nod confidently whenever somebody looks my way. It's surprising how much knowledge people think you possess if you simply nod at the right moments.

The conversation keeps rolling.

"Run a string line off that corner."

"Check it with the square."

"Slip in a spacer."

"Give it a wedge."

"Cut it in."

"No... your other left."

"We'll punch those nails after lunch."

"Mind that rail."

"Shift the riser."

"Grab the dog bar."

"Bring the jackhammer over."

By now my head is spinning.

A story rod doesn't tell stories.

A sawhorse isn't a horse.

A chalk line doesn't belong in a classroom.

A wire dog doesn't bark.

A nail punch isn't a fight.

A square isn't always square.

And a piece of timber can apparently spend the whole morning running wild without anybody ringing the police.

By smoko I've learned one valuable lesson. Building a deck isn't just about timber. It's about speaking fluent Builder lingo. I'm still only a greenie.

But tomorrow, if somebody asks for a spacer, a wedge, a square or a string line...

I might even hand them the right one.

Or at least look as though I know where to find it.

Footnote: A ledger is a horizontal board attached to a vertical wall. Joists and bearers are the main horizontal wooden beams. Wire dogs are heavy duty metal shaped fasteners. Running wild are lengths of timber, say on a deck, that are cut even later. Stringers are the structural boards that supports risers and tread of a staircase. A dog bar is a tool for removing imbedded nails. A story rod is a marked gauge on a wooden board used for transferring repetitive measurements.

MMM (Fiji)

Partnership with those in most need

“Amazing, the best experience I have had, honestly I could live with them. They are such friendly and loving people who find joy in the simplicity of life. I have a whole new perspective on life now. I'm already missing them. Thank you so much. God Bless them and their way of life. God has enlightened me and I will return home with a spring in my step and be grateful for my simple life. - Cadel”

MMM (Fiji) has had the privilege to partner with Anglican Missions on some recent projects. This has been exciting, as we are often unable to help those in most need because they don't have the funds required to pay for materials to make projects happen. By partnering with Anglican Missions, they were able to secure an overseas grant designated for those needing appropriate Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) needs. MMM (Fiji), the Diocese of Polynesia and Anglican Missions New Zealand are all collaborating to support the local churches in their outreach to the community around them. We are working together building relationships with the churches, local communities and our teams to construct adequate toilets, showers and water facilities.

Last year, we launched the inaugural project in Vakanalawa, located roughly 15 minutes inland along the Sigatoka River. A team from St John's in Rangiora provided key support, bringing two skilled block layers alongside a group of hardworking, capable volunteers. Together with locals, they constructed two bathroom and shower facilities for a community that previously relied on long-drop shacks for toilets and washed in an unclean river. These new blocks have greatly improved hygiene and overall community health while fostering meaningful connections between local residents, the church, and the visiting team.

With most of that initial work now complete and functional - aside from a few final details - our focus has shifted to the second project identified by the Diocese of Polynesia, this time at Waidradra along the Coral Coast. We had one block layer from St John's return as well as another keen engineer from Morrinsville, working alongside Roy and some local workers to start building two bathroom facilities and four water tank installations for community use. The local participation at Waidradra was fantastic, with people of all ages joining in the effort of digging, wheelbarrowing and constructing the foundations for these improvements - plus all the amazing meals provided by the villagers. The community in Waidradra have been equipped to continue with some of the work and another team from MMM (Fiji) and NZ volunteers joining them again in September. We were also blessed by the skills of an architect in New Zealand who volunteered his time and staff to draw up a plan for the bathroom blocks, which will simplify the build with a big team coming from Rutland Street church in September.

These sites have had some of the humblest homes we've ever witnessed along with difficult building conditions. The soft ground requires deep foundations in Waidradra and a steep slope dominates the site at Vananalawa. Both locations have a haphazard layout, giving difficult access for material deliveries. But thankfully the grateful villagers are doing whatever they can to make light work of it. The concrete truck is 180m from the site? No worries. There aren't enough wheelbarrows? The kids will bring their plastic tubs and drag materials by rope!



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

E: farmers@mmm.org.nz



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

We couldn't do these projects without generous, selfless people in New Zealand giving up their time and skills to serve with us and for that we are truly grateful. But we also know that the people of Fiji will never cease to bless those who come to work alongside us. Vinaka vaka levu. - Roy & Rachael Hogan

Upcoming Projects in NZ

YOU CAN JOIN!

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

North Island		
7 - 25 Sept	Matamata Bible Church, Matamata	Replacing the ceiling in the church foyer
14 Sept - 2 Oct	St Stephens Anglican Church, Tamahere, Hamilton	Replace windows, repair cladding and paint the exterior
21 Sept - 9 Oct	Massey Community Church, West Auckland	Exterior painting
28 Sept - 23 Oct	Festival One, Karapiro, Waikato	Building a shower block in a trailer
5 - 16 Oct	Anglican Church of the Epiphany, Masterton	Exterior painting - bring your paintbrush!
27 Oct - 20 Nov	Capernwray Bible College, Cambridge	A new deck to the homestead building
16 Nov - 04 Dec	International Word of Life, Hamilton	Alterations to existing building
30 Nov - 18 Dec	Living Strong Ministries, Hamilton	Renovation and maintenance to a staff house
South Island		
14 Sept - 2 Oct	En Hakkore, Ranfurly	Bathroom upgrade
19 - 23 Oct	Teapot Valley Christian Camp, Nelson	General maintenance
27 Oct - 13 Nov	Youth Venture, Appleby	Maintenance & painting homestead

Join a MMM project! You will enjoy working with others, enjoy meals and fellowship, conversations and encouragement, you will serve a Christian ministry and help them achieve something they couldn't do easily. You will pray for the project, ministry and people involved and leave a lasting impact with the work you do continuing and blessing long after you leave!

Opportunities ++

Office Administrator - NZ

Are you passionate about serving God? Are you proficient with modern office systems? Do you love to communicate, encourage and organise? MMM is seeking a full-time Office Administrator. On site at the MMM Centre, Pirongia.

Waikato - Based Builders

We are seeking Waikato based builders for placement of MMM Momentum Interns, four days a week. We partner with builders to give young people the best foundation and headstart for their future.

Accounts Officer - NZ

Praise the Lord, this role has been filled prior to print.

Fiji Support Staff

A builder and administrator are needed to support the work in Fiji. This is an in-country role, supporting the current Project Coordinator and visiting teams.

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

*These are faith based roles



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