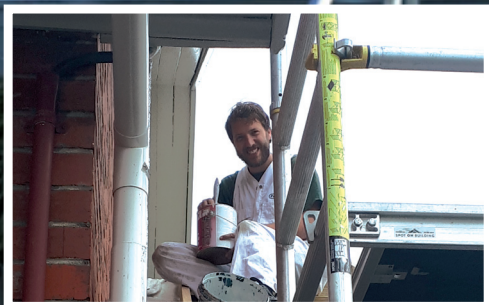


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Front Cover: The cross going back on the All Saints Community Church, Whangamata. The smaller photos are Chris McLean working on the Anchorage, Lucas Pedersen painting the cross in Whangamata and Andrea Cooper sanding bunks at Camp Iona.

LETTER FROM THE Editor

June 2022

Three things we loved about our recent South Island trip around MMM projects and people- the stories, the stories, the stories!

During the month of March Howard and I travelled from Pirongia to the South Island, down the East coast of the Mainland, as far as Queenstown and then back up the West Coast.

We met up with first time volunteers and reconnected with some volunteers on their 122nd project - that's some record! We loved hearing how a builder got connected with the Punakaiki, Celebrate Messiah project and was our on-site supply person. It was great to hear Chris's story which you can read on page three and just hearing how projects come together. The right person offering the right advice or being at the right place at the right moment.

When we drove through the gates to the Camp Iona project it was like opening a large box of memories for me because, growing up I spent at least a couple of weeks a year attending camp there.



As I walked down the path to the cabin at the back of the property, special long forgotten memories came flooding back. That cabin right there was where, for the



first time, I was excited about being on a team! I arrived at camp and discovered I knew some of the girls in my cabin, and they were the cool girls. The girls who wanted to win, the ones who would be on time for meals, keep the cabin tidy and their study books neat! This was exciting! I was gonna be on the winning team – I knew it immediately just by their enthusiasm and the way they got in and set up the cabin on that first day, and I was right! We were the winning team of Good News Camp, ahh... 1979?!

I get that same vibe on MMM projects - incredible team members rocking up to serve, not halfhearted, but there to work. They come prepared in old clothes, some with earmuffs, boxes of tools and paint brushes or gloves swinging from their hand. They assess and get stuck in. It's not always easy work. At Camp Iona we sanded old bunks. It was hard dusty work when you have to climb in and around them, working above your head. But they do it. When asked, "Why?" they say things like, it's a calling, I love the camaraderie, I like serving, I like to work with my hands, I love the fellowship, oh and the food!

People coming to join a team with willing hearts - it's still a winning formula!

Ave Robinson
MMM New Zealand



Vision:
To see the church empowered and equipped with adequate facilities appropriate to God's mission

Mission:
MMMNZ exists to enhance the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the ministry of building, both people and facilities to serve Christian work and workers in God's global kingdom

A word from our Team



Chris McLean

NEW First Time Volunteer

In March there was a project in Mosgiel for the newly named Anchorage church. Howard Robinson planned to lead this project, however his father's sudden passing meant he had to fly back to the North Island. Praise the Lord there was a new volunteer able to take up the leadership and capable MMM volunteers to support him. Read on to find out how Chris enjoyed this experience.

I served on the Mosgiel Gospel Hall project (now called Anchorage) and was initially

only able to do a day or two of carpentry and painting help. But as the Director had to immediately attend his father's funeral, he asked me to be the team leader for this project. I was able to 'phone some friends' and ask for help locally to finish the project and coordinate with the church with their decisions and such. I got to do some fine detail work on an old rimu cabinet and shelf, as well as complex repair work around the soffits and fascia. It was a great finish to hang the new sign over the old one (it now says Anchorage), and it's a refreshment to the building that I pray will be a refreshment to the Church's zeal and ministry in Mosgiel.

I heard about MMM initially through an apprentice builder who had helped with a project - I met him in a spa at Moana pool in Dunedin! I further heard about MMM from a local project here at

Christian Youth Camps, Waihola.

Serving with MMM appeals to me as God has given me skills and abilities, and I love to serve him with them! MMM represents a practical way to serve the Lord in a physical capacity as well as being an encouragement and prayer warrior for the church or camp where the project is. It's a great way to connect and to be more like Jesus, who gives all that he has, for his Church.

The experience was fantastic and I am very keen to do more with MMM. I also had time to teach some volunteers some tips about painting, prepping and other work and was really impressed at their eagerness to learn. I think there is much to be gained from volunteering and would encourage young and old to come out and try their hand with the practical needs of the Lord's church- especially those who are older and very capable in practical matters. It is a joy to work alongside them and it helps them see that God is still able to use them for his purposes, no matter their age.
- Chris McLean, Dunedin

Many thanks Chris for your time and the volunteers you brought along. We look forward to having you on a project again.

NEW Full-Time Volunteers

Tell us a bit about yourselves!

We are Marty and Robyn McKone, from New Plymouth, although Marty was born at and grew up in Hamilton. Marty is a surfer and that is what drew him to New Plymouth, which led him to CityLife Church where we met and married. We've been married for 31 years in November last year.

Marty is a qualified mechanic but has also worked as a builder's labourer, a painter's hand, a life skills tutor and most recently a groundsman at a boy's college.

Robyn is a level four trained support worker having worked with adults with intellectual disabilities for the past 11 years. She has also worked as an administrator in the church office and worked in different retail settings and childcare.

We spent 10 years working nine months of each year in New Zealand and three months volunteering at various missions overseas. Cambodia, Philippines, YWAM ships in Hawaii and Townsville. We've met some amazing people and had some



Robyn and Marty McKone

incredible adventures as God led us on that journey. He brought us back to New Zealand where we have been working until He directed us to MMM.

How did you hear about MMM?

We were working at YWAM ships, Townsville, Australia and volunteers there talked about MMM. We googled it and thought that it might be something we would be interested in after retirement. At the beginning of the Covid pandemic we realised that we didn't want to wait till retirement but also knew we couldn't go to Australia, so we looked up MMM NZ and found that they were here. We made contact, and the rest as they say is history!
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More on Team

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Why does serving with MMM appeal to you?

We have always been interested in the mission field but being full-time overseas was a bit daunting. Also, Marty is very practical and wants to give of himself in a way that brings fulfilment. Being with MMM New Zealand allows us to fulfil that desire in our hearts of giving to others but in a way that we are comfortable in.

What projects have you served on, what did you do and what have you learnt?

Last year as part-time volunteers we worked on a total of 11 projects all around the Waikato and in the Bay of Plenty. There was variety as we worked for different churches, Hamilton Food Bank, a Christian school, a pastor's house, and a Tertiary Christian Worker's home. Projects included recladding, upgrading a playground, painting and a wide variety of construction.

What have we learnt? What a huge question. We have learnt more about teamwork; everyone is not the same as us and they do things differently. We've learnt about quality of work and commitment to excellence, patience and we've made friendships that will last even though we worked together for a short time.

What have you enjoyed about working on MMM projects?

The camaraderie. Everyone is there by choice, with one purpose and goal, and meeting the needs of others together is such an enjoyment, especially when you see the look on people's faces after the work is complete.

Up-skilling. MMM is all about providing service with excellence so, accordingly, they give training to up-skill to a point where, when a job is complete, it looks like professionals have done it, not untrained volunteers.

Meeting new people. Each place we go we meet new people. Some of those have remained friends whom we catch up with regularly.

What didn't you like?

Hmmm..... Hard question. Have pretty much enjoyed everything so far.

How has your relationship with God grown since working with MMM? Have you experienced any answers to prayer?

One of the things I love about MMM is that every morning tea we

have a devotional time where we have a reading from *Word for the Day*, have a discussion about it then spend time praying for MMM people and projects all around the world. This helps me to take my eyes off myself more and focus on Jesus and the needs of others around me. It also helps me to meditate during the day on the topic of the day and listen to what God is saying to me in those areas.

We have also gained not only a second home church where we attend when in the Waikato, but have had the blessing of attending the churches we do projects on and get to see how God is moving within our country.

Right back when God began to direct us towards MMM, we have seen His guidance and provision. When we were buying a caravan and tow vehicle, He directed us to the perfect ones for our needs. When we were looking for a new direction for our lives, He directed us to MMM. When it was time to go full-time with MMM, He provided us with financial supporters.

What is the best thing about serving on an MMM project?

People. We get to meet and work alongside new people. They speak into our lives and we are able to speak into theirs and pray for them. We have amazing fellowship and fun. And the food is usually pretty amazing too.

He has also provided us with a whole new group of friends through MMM.

Would you recommend working on MMM projects to others?

Absolutely yes. If it is for a week, a fortnight, a month or long-term, I would definitely recommend it to anyone who is interested. Skills help but are not essential, but a willing heart to get in and help out is the best thing.

I knew this was definitely something that would fulfil Marty's desires to serve in a practical way

but I wasn't sure how much I could be involved. To begin with I would hover a bit, help in the kitchen, maybe sweep the floor or carry something. Now I sand and paint, climb scaffolding, de-nail things, and hopefully soon will learn to use the power tools. I even have my own hammer, gloves and ear-muffs! I gain so much more confidence the more I get in and have a go.

- Robyn and Marty McKone

Welcome Marty and Robyn; it's great to have you on the Full-Time Team!



FROM OUR INBOX...



Hi Howard, Dave and the team,

Just want to thank you guys so much for the blessing your team were to us.

The work they did was not only appreciated, but they also did a fantastic job to a high standard.

You have saved our church thousands of dollars in labour and made our job easy regarding maintaining the building we inherited from the school.

We trust God will bless you, your team and your ministry.

Te Awamutu Bible Chapel

NEW Board Member

MMM is excited to welcome Malcolm Rea on to the MMM New Zealand Board. We asked Malcolm to share a bit about himself so we could get to know him a little.



I enjoy living an active life and connecting with people. As long as I can remember, I have been drawn to the great outdoors, whether I am fishing, mountain bike riding, kayaking, tramping, or going for walks. I am a social person so the more people included in these activities, the better. I really enjoy food and coffee, so hanging out with people, good coffee and food are often part of my weekly routine.

I was brought up in a Christian family where Godly living was practised and lived out on a daily basis. It was this testimony, after a bit of a rocky start, that led me to follow Jesus.

I took a year off work and attended GLO Bible School in 1985 (yes, that long ago). This decision was fueled by the desire to grow in my Christian faith and Biblical knowledge. I had completed my carpentry apprenticeship and was looking for some direction. The option was to attend a monastery or mixed-gender Bible school. I decided on the latter! This is where I met this amazing lady, Rosanne Rea (nee Fleming). Thirty-six adventure-filled years have flown by and I am looking forward to many more. We see ourselves as a team, and many of the ministries we have been involved in required teamwork. We have three adult children. Two are married and the third is engaged to be married next January.

We have three delightful grandsons ranging in age from seventeen months to four years old.

I am a builder, clocking up thirty-six years in the trade. Twenty-eight of these have been as a self-employed builder. I have enjoyed living out my faith through my business practice.

Life changed in 2014 after we entered fulltime ministry, uprooting ourselves from our home town of thirty years and moving to Tauranga. We created some precious relationships and memories in New Zealand and Thailand as we spent four years leading the GC3 Headspace programme.

Following this crazy adventure, we remained in Tauranga. I completed the Strength's Certificate in Pastoral Counselling and the New Zealand Certificate in Adult Tertiary Teaching. I am currently a carpentry tutor at Toi Ohomai. Rosanne is completing a Bachelor of Counseling at BTI this year and co-facilitates life-skills courses at St. Peters.

I have had a connection with MMM since 2002. Around this time, I participated in several projects in New Zealand and Fiji. I have always been interested in their mission and work. Howard contacted me when we finished our time with Headspace, asking if I would consider joining the MMM Board. I felt the timing wasn't right at the time, but was also aware that I would like to use my skills and experiences to contribute to the MMM ministry. I agreed to join the Board in 2022. I look forward to supporting the Board and MMM with the skills and experiences I bring to the table.

- Malcolm Rea

We believe this is a God led appointment. The timing was just perfect, Ernie Pene had just notified the Board he needed to step down, largely due to ill health. Before we had even written a prayer need, Malcolm got in touch.

We extend our thanks to Ernie Pene (pictured right) for his faithful service on the MMM Board. Ernie, wife Michelle and family served Full-Time with MMM for three years while their family was young. Ernie's experience has been much appreciated on the Board.



NEW Associates



During the month of March Howard and Ave were travelling and visited many of the MMM volunteers. MMM invites those who have been Regular Volunteers and identify with the vision and mission of MMM to become Associates. It was great fun for Howard and Ave to meet with our wonderful volunteers and honouring them by presenting them with their MMM Associate badges and T-shirts.

Top: Andrea and Peter Cooper Bottom L-R: Howard, Terry and Rhonda Meads; Stephen Douglas and Howard; Ken and Eileen Ogden; Femmy and Gerard Van Leuwen.



**NEWS
FLASH!**

The Hogans' Arrival



As we sit in the evening warmth of the MMM Fiji unit at Sabeto, Christian Camp, we can hear the distant crowing of roosters (lets hope it doesn't get too much closer), the familiar chirp of the geckos and the sporadic barking and howling of dogs in the night, yet it's still so peaceful with no sounds of traffic to be heard.

After a three year journey with many unforeseeable hurdles along the way the Hogan family has arrived in Fiji to take up our roles as the MMM Fiji Project Coordinators.

We know God's timing is always perfect and we thank Him for the many ways He has been with us along the journey, blessing us "immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine." We are also super grateful that we have now made it to the start line of the MMM Fiji chapter of our lives. We are excited and ready to run the race we have prepared for.

There are many things on our to do lists, from getting tax numbers to buying a vehicle, drivers licenses and learning where to buy all

the groceries you need in a week.

We are excited to start reconnecting with friends and contacts and to meet with some of the many ministries which had projects approved and have been patiently waiting since before the pandemic. We look forward to getting alongside them and to encourage them with the work of MMM. It has been a hard couple of years for the people of Fiji with no tourism and a high unemployment rate.

There will definitely be no lack of projects happening in Fiji. Some projects may be planned in a way that you can join a team, but don't feel you need to wait for one! If you are keen, get in touch with us and we would still love to have you here to work alongside us with whatever projects we are working on at the time.

Roy, Rachael, Josh, Gabrielle and Kelepi (Caleb)



Yes! With borders open we are returning to serve Fiji!

If you would like to serve on a Fiji project, contact the MMM office , 07 871 9161 or mmmnz@mmm.org.nz



Farmers Fellowship



Sam Trebilco

MMM Farmers' Fellowship has been operating for more than 15 years. It is a wonderful way for our farming friends to be involved. Calves are raised and when they are sold the funds go to the MMM NZ Trust Fund, a fund through which MMM New Zealand supports MMM work overseas, like MMM Zambia and MMM Fiji. With Covid impacting the world, the need for funding has increased. In a previous *MMM News* issue we covered the MMM Zambia Vocational Training Centre and the facility upgrade they have had to do. We have not been able to send teams to Fiji over the last couple years but, with borders opening again, we will be heading back there with funding being all the more important. Read on to find out how some of our calf rearers feel about their work.

My name is Sam Trebilco. I am 17 years old, and for the last six years I have been rearing calves for MMM.

How it started

I began rearing calves around 2016, when Poppa came round to our house and asked if my siblings and I would like to rear some calves for him. Instantly I was hooked. All three of us kids were keen as and about a month later they arrived. Initially we fed them twice a day, then eventually found the secret to a happy life and moved to once a day. At this point we were all loving it but I spent countless extra hours out in the paddock, even after feeding time, making them friendly and just watching them live life. Because I'm home-schooled, it was easy to spend way too much time out there and it showed in the decline of my schoolwork. Eventually though I found a balance which pleased Mum.

Rearing calves

It was awesome having something to get you out of bed in the morning. Rearing calves became a passion of mine and something that I really enjoyed doing. Pretty much every calf that left our property ended up being an incredibly friendly calf. Even the feisty ones that seemed impossible to tame eventually gave in. I was able to call them to the fence anytime and they would all come running, probably expecting an apple or a quick scratch. I also remember running straight up to them to see if they would run away but they just stood their ground trusting fully in me

and my love for them. As they got bigger and started to gain a lot of weight, it became a bit risky as they would run at me and not stop until their head was in my stomach, trying to have a fight.

Doing it for MMM

During these years I heard a lot about MMM – through Church, etc, and I really felt I wanted to do something for them. If you think about what I would do with the money if I had kept the calves, and then think about what money could be doing towards poorer Christians overseas, it was a no brainer. For me, money has never been a priority. So I started rearing the 4-day old calves that were donated to MMM, taking them to weaning (approximately six weeks) and then they were moved on and generally sold two years later.



In 2021 I had a problem. Our family moved to town and we had no paddock – only a duck pond! Oh dear, what could I do? My other Granddad - after much persuasion from Nana I

believe - cleaned out a shed and, with makeshift pens, enabled me to continue. As a result, twenty-four calves had the MMM tags in their ears for 2021. I get so much enjoyment out of it, plus seeing who it helps and what it can achieve has been such a blessing. So if you want to help a bunch of people out and have a lot of fun at the same time, perhaps you could think about rearing calves?

Thanks Sam. We appreciate all you do!

CURRENTLY MMM HAS 57 STOCK

Are you able to donate or raise a calf to help MMM Zambia train students in trades and life skills and support the running of MMM Fiji?



Contact:

Maurice Turner 027 498 4993 or
Doug Carson 027 455 0100



Farmers Fellowship



Cas Lind

Hi. My name is Cas and I have been dairy farming for 15 years. I have always loved animals and been able to connect with them in a special way. I also had a strong desire for some time to contribute towards helping people in need.

I had heard of MMM through Church and knew what it stood for, i.e. helping Christian work in New Zealand and overseas. However, that was all I understood. But one day a close friend shared how, by donating and/or rearing calves, this generated funds to help very needy areas in a huge way. WOW, the light went on and I said, "This sounds like a bit of me." I would be in my element with the calves and at the same time, sharing my passion and love that would ultimately touch many

Touching lives by raising calves

lives. So for the last several years I've thoroughly enjoyed being involved in doing this and now my children relish helping too. They have thrived on the lessons it has created and the knowledge they gain that helping in a minor capacity can make a huge difference to someone else in need.



As a seasoned dairy farmer I love the fact that I can help in this way - as it is such a worthwhile and beautiful cause.

FROM OUR INBOX...



A note of thanks following the All Saints Community Church Project, Whangamata, (featured on the cover).

I had the privilege of joining in with the team and was impressed by the way Leif delegated to his highly skilled team.

Their quiet methodical approach was most welcome. The work is essentially completed and, apart from a few finishing bits and pieces, all is well.

Might I add that my experience of Christ in action without an aggressive word spoken was totally refreshing, so believe me as a Fitting and Turning tradesman of many different levels of

management in my career, this has been an excellent experience for me personally. I will be having a Board meeting this month and in the wash-up, no doubt words of praise will resound which will be passed on to you in correspondence.

God's blessings to you all and thank you so much for a job well done. Please pass on kind wishes to Dave; he was a great support to me in getting things organized.

*Blessings,
Alistair Page
Board Secretary*



**Don't wait to serve
with MMM.
MMM needs builders and
handymen NOW!**

**"Let us do good to all people
especially to those who belong to
the family of believers."
Galatians 6:10**

"No Help Wanted" - God

The following is a devotion Howard and Ave recently read from the app, *Solid Joys*, which they thought was particularly relevant to MMM - a good reminder that we don't serve God because of his need but from a call to obedience so that God can work in us and through us.

We have all told our people (church members) to serve God. Scripture says to "serve the Lord with gladness." But now it may be time to tell them not to serve God. For Scripture also says: "The Son of Man . . . came not to be served."

God will not be served: "The God who made the world and everything in it . . . [is not served] by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all men life and breath and everything" (Acts 17:25-26). Paul warns against any view of God which makes Him the beneficiary of our beneficence (kindness). He informs us that God cannot be served in any way that implies we are meeting His needs. It would be as though a stream should try to fill the spring that feeds it.

"He Himself gives to all men life and breath and everything." What is the greatness of our God? What is His uniqueness in the world? Isaiah says, "From of old no one has heard or perceived by ear, no God has seen a God besides Thee, who works for those who wait for Him" (Isa. 64:4). All the other so-called gods make man work for them. Our God will not be put in the position of an employer who must depend on others to make his business go. Instead He magnifies His all-sufficiency by doing the work Himself. Man is the dependent partner in this affair. His job is to wait for the Lord.

"NO HELP WANTED"

What is God looking for in the world? Assistants? No. The gospel is not a "help wanted" ad. Neither is the call to Christian service. God is not looking for people to work for Him. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show His might in behalf of those whose heart is blameless toward Him" (2 Chron. 16:9).

What does God want from us? Not what we might expect. He rebukes Israel for bringing Him so many sacrifices: "I will accept no bull from your house. . . . For every beast of the forest is Mine. . . . If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world and all that is in it is Mine" (Ps. 50:9-12).

But isn't there something we can give to God that won't belittle Him to the status of a beneficiary? Yes. Our anxieties. It's a command: "Cast all your anxieties on Him" (1 Peter 5:7). God will gladly receive anything from us that shows our dependence and His all-sufficiency.

Our very lives hang on not working for God. "To one who works, his wages are not reckoned as a gift but as his due. And to one who does not work but trust Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness" (Rom. 4:4-5). Workmen get no gifts. They get their due. If we would have the gift of justification, we dare not work. God is the workman in this affair. And what He gets is the glory of being the benefactor of grace, not the beneficiary of service.

Nor should we think that after justification our labor for God begins. Those who make a work out of sanctification cry down the glory of God. Jesus Christ is "our righteousness and sanctification" (1 Cor. 1:30). "Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law, or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh?" (Gal. 3:2-3). God was the workman in our justification, and He will be the workman in our sanctification.

Religious "flesh" always wants to work for God. But "if you live according to the flesh you will die" (Rom. 8:13). That is why our very lives hang on not working for God, both in justification and sanctification.

We will serve by believing His promise of fullest joy and walking by that faith. We will not serve by trying to put our power at His disposal for His good, but by doing what is necessary so that His power will be ever at our disposal for our good.

OBEDIENT BENEFICIARIES

Of course, this means obedience. A patient obeys his doctor in the hope of getting well. A convalescent sinner trusts the painful directions of his Therapist, and follows them. Only in this way do we keep ourselves in a position to benefit from what the divine Physician has to offer. In all this obedience it is we who are the beneficiaries. God is ever the giver. For it is the giver who gets the glory.

And that, perhaps, is the most important thing of all. The only right way to serve God is in a way that reserves for Him all the glory. One "who renders service [must do it] as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that God may be glorified" (1 Peter 4:11). How do we serve so God is glorified? We serve by the strength He supplies. When we are at our most active for God, we are still the recipients. God will not surrender the glory of the benefactor, ever!

So let us work hard, but never forget that it is not us but the grace of God which is with us (1 Cor. 15:10). Let us obey now, as always, but never forget that it is God who works in us both the will and the deed (Phil. 2:13). Let us spread the gospel far and wide and spend ourselves for the sake of the elect, but never venture to speak of anything except what Christ has wrought in us (Rom. 15:18). In all our serving may God be the giver and may God get the glory.

And until the people understand this, brothers, tell them not to serve God!

An Extract from *Desiring God*, by John Piper entitled, "Brothers, Tell Them Not to Serve God!" (Goog it to read the full article.)



Full-Time Volunteers on projects:
Roy and Rachael Hogan, Wayne MacCarthy, Marty and Robyn McKone and Leif Pedersen.

PROJECT REPORTS

TSCF Workers Home, Cambridge



In March the team served a Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship (TSCF) worker's home by painting the interior, exterior, replacing a balcony, re roofing a potting shed and painting the fence. *Team Leader - Leif Pedersen, Wayne MacCarthy, Marty and Robyn McKone, Graham and Colleen Stokes, Ben Wooding.*

Tauwhare Gospel Chapel



Tauwhare Gospel Chapel got a fresh look with new paint on the exterior of the building, fresh paint on the interior of the Sunday School room and new lights in the main chapel. The team also removed and freshened up the sign on the front of the chapel - a fiddly job. *Team Leader - Leif Pedersen, Dave Gennard, Wayne MacCarthy, Marty and Robyn McKone,*

Overheard on an MMM project...
"I'm just here for the food and fellowship, the work is a minor inconvenience!"

Bethany Trust



With the weather cooling off, the time for exterior painting has come to an end. The team did manage to paint the exterior of the Bethany Trust Building in Cambridge. *Team Leader - Leif Pedersen, Wayne MacCarthy, Marty and Robyn McKone, Mike Taylor*

Kaipaki Church and Community Hall, Kaipaki



Kaipaki Church and Community Hall had an interior repaint of the halls, toilets and exterior windows. *Team Leader - Leif Pedersen, Robert Atkins, Marty and Robyn McKone, Terry Meads, Wayne MacCarthy, Graham & Colleen Stokes*

All Saints Community Church, Whangamata



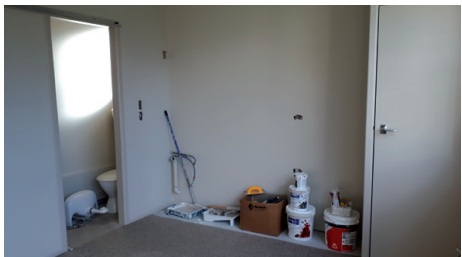
The Pedersen family took up the challenge to join Dad during the school holidays on the Whangamata project. Pictured is (L-R) Mum Lynette and daughter Anita. The project was to repair and paint the exterior of the Church. Despite the project having a small Covid related hold up, it was still completed. *Team Leader - Leif Pedersen, Lynette, Anita and Lucas Pedersen, Robert Atkins, Max and Anne Cope, David King, Terry and Rhonda Meads*

Extra Projects



The MMM work programme has had some Covid disruption, caused by a Team Leader needing to self isolate. This resulted in projects not always moving ahead as expected. When team members were available, they gave their time to support two pastors who are working on their own homes in their 'spare time'.

MMM New Zealand, Pirongia



Continuing work on the MMM PNG unit upgrade. Interior painting completed. *Team: Howard Robinson, Roy Hogan, Wayne MacCarthy, Marty and Robyn McKone, Leif Pedersen*

South Island Tiki Tour



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It was great to see the Tiki Tour projects get ticked off the list! In the previous *MMM News* we reported on the first Tiki Tour project in Punakaiki, then some of the volunteers moved on to Rutland Street, Christchurch; Anchorage, Mosgiel; Iona Camp, Herbert and En Hakkore, Ranfurly - a great line up of projects with wonderful people! Peter and Andrea Cooper served on three of the projects and they write about that experience below.

The concept of having several projects enroute to the MMM Conference in Queenstown really appealed to us and so we were keen to be involved and join in as soon as we were able. Our caravan had gone into the local Leisureline dealer for cabinetry repairs and, whilst there, one of the stub axles broke, so the time taken to repair this determined that we wouldn't be able to go to St Paul's in Kaikoura, but as that project was postponed, no real harm done.

Rutland St Chapel was the next project and, as we live in Christchurch, even though we did not have the caravan back, we were able to get involved. It was great to have Malcolm McAllister lead this, and we also met Ken and Eileen Ogden who are from Auckland and part of the tour. Locals who joined in included Dean Farrow, Femmy and Gerard Van Leeuwen, and several church members including Willie. We also had great support from Marty, a young builder who has been heavily involved with the wonderful transformation that has happened to this complex over the last few years. As the work came to an end, we had a great evening meal together with Howard and Ave and other volunteers from around the Christchurch area.

With our caravan returned to us, it was a quick pack up and trip to Mosgiel to start at the Gospel Chapel. For this project, Ken and Eileen and Andrea and I were parked up at the Mosgiel A&P Showgrounds. Howard did start this project on day one then returned in time for the celebratory ice creams on the last day! He also gave the tools in the MMM van and trailer a new 'branding'. The couple of days of wet weather didn't cause too much disruption as we were able to repaint the inside of the hall and tone down the bright red walls. A local builder, Chris McLean, came from Dunedin to help with repairs and brought along some of his friends to bolster the numbers. We were encouraged every day by local congregation members coming to visit and help where possible, and the new 'Anchorage' sign proclaims a new beginning for this church community.

Next stop was Camp Iona near Herbert "Where is that?" you ask. South of Maheno but North of Moeraki (that helped, right?!). The main event was painting bunks, but also sanding and painting doors and windows of the hall. Malcolm was the onsite team leader, ably assisted by Samuel Ghoorah who was trying to run his painting business at the same time. The team consisted of Bart and Muriel Gilmore (on their 122nd project), Keith and Marion McQuillan, Femmy and Gerard Van Leeuwen, Martin and Louise Chapman from Papamoa, Andrea and me, and help from Ross Weir when he wasn't driving his bobcat. The project ended with a meal that Samuel and his wife Dawn kindly brought out to the camp, and the viewing of Muriel's photo albums of the projects and people they have met up with over many years of MMM work.

With the project complete, we had a long day traveling to Queenstown to Lakeland Park Christian Camp for the 'Not a Conference, Conference' catchup (the MMM Conference was cancelled due to the pandemic but as a several folk had booked travel some still met together in Queenstown). Over the weekend, Howard and Ave, Richard and Julie Crawford, Alan and Rosina Mitchell, Leif and Lynette Pedersen and family were all doing biking, kayaking and other activities. We could only watch as we recovered from five busy weeks. We sat in the sunshine, drinking in the views across Lake Wakitipu, and wondered if we ever had that much energy! For the next Tiki Tour, a few days between projects to allow for travel and tiredness would definitely be recommended.

- Peter and Andrea Cooper



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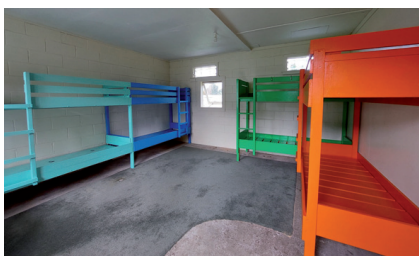
MOSGIEL



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RANFURLY



L-R: Colourful bunks at Camp Iona; The Christchurch dinner.

Upcoming Projects in NZ

 <p>NORTH ISLAND PROJECTS</p>	 <p>Fellowship and food are a high priority at MMM, every day there is a devotion and prayer time!</p>	<p>30 May -17 June HOPE RISING FARM TRUST</p> <p>122a Te Puroa Road Ngruawahia</p> <p>Hope Rising Farm provides an empowering journey for vulnerable youth and women to develop life skills. MMM's project is to renovate stables and set up a workshop.</p>	
	<p>4 - 22 July MMM Centre</p> <p>1 Kane Street Pirongia</p> <p>Our very own little Centre needs some love and care. An interior paint of the now vacated house number 2, and finishing the PNG unit upgrade.</p>		<p>25 July - 5 August Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp</p> <p>304 Kauaeranga Valley Road Thames</p> <p>Join the team at this beautiful site up the Kauaeranga Valley. It's time to reline some of the dining room, refix the ceiling tiles and freshen up with paint.</p>
<p>2 August - 23 Sept Capernway Bible School</p> <p>3553 Cambridge Road Cambridge</p> <p>Since 1995, Capernway has been offering an on-campus Bible study to many young people. It's time for a kitchen upgrade, with a new chiller and fire walls. [Awaiting Consent]</p>		<p>15 Aug - 30 Sept Mission Aviation Fellowship</p> <p>7 De Havilland Way Tauranga</p> <p>Good news! Consents have been approved. Come along and assist with renovation of offices and accommodation. [Subject to availability of materials.]</p>	
	<p>3 - 14 October Orama Trust</p> <p>Great Barrier Island</p> <p>Due to Covid, this project was postponed but now it's back. If you are keen with a paintbrush then this is the project for you because it is all exterior painting and maintenance.</p>	<p>SOUTH ISLAND PROJECTS</p> 	<p>14 Nov - 2 Dec St Paul's Kaikoura</p> <p>11 Deal Street Kaikoura</p> <p>When the weather warms up a team will head to Kaikoura to prep and paint the exterior of the St Paul's church.</p>



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