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Wout, make the roof of Island Encounters Fiji,
Oasis Farm facility hurricane ready and water
proof.

LETTER FROM THE

Director

September 2022



Recently at church we enjoyed watching a dramatized version of Mark's gospel put on by the Tertiary Student Christian Fellowship group from the Waikato University. It was incredibly well done with all the words of Jesus being straight out of the gospel, and the rest of the actors using the biblical narrative and setting the scene in a spontaneous way, with no props or costumes, but with plenty of humour and emotion.

One of the stories that I enjoyed in the drama was the feeding of the 5,000 where the people had been following Jesus and listening to his teaching and, as it got late, needed feeding. Jesus challenged the disciples to feed the people. But all they could find from the crowd was five loaves and two fish. It was hilarious to watch the disciples 'actors' surprise at the pretend bread being constantly broken off by Jesus, and were enthusiastically throwing out bread and fish to the audience, because they had so much to give away.

Jesus took what they had and multiplied it. We may not feel we have much to offer, when we know the task of taking the gospel to the nations is so huge. But Jesus is not asking us to go out and just do it on our own. He is wanting us to not only acknowledge our total inability to meet the need, but to have the confidence that when we give ourselves to him, he will do all that is required to satisfy the hunger of the people.

guess we at MMM are like the disciples out there among the Christian crowd looking for those who might have a loaf of bread or a fish - a skill or a trade, a week or year of time - that they are prepared to give to Jesus, to help us with the task of feeding the 5,000. And the result of those who give, is that without realising it, they, along with all those who benefit, will be totally satisfied.

In the pages ahead you will read of those who are offering their five loaves and two fish, and letting Him multiply it. You too can be part of the miracle of multiplication!

Howard Robinson

**MMM New Zealand
Director**



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

MMM FIJI IS BACK IN ACTION

After a three year pause on projects in Fiji, we are super excited to be back in action! It has been a busy few months finding our feet and getting things up and running again. There has been a lot of meeting people, understanding ministries and needs, looking at future projects, assessing buildings and working alongside organisations to prepare for when MMM can assist them.

There are ministries in Fiji that had projects approved dating back to 2018. However, due to the pandemic they are still waiting. Sadly some of these no longer have the funds needed to achieve their goals, or in other cases, their buildings have since deteriorated beyond being repaired, so the project has grown in size.

We are excited to finally be in the place God has called us to and to have the ability to partner with and support such welcoming, passionate people. There are so many amazing ministries in Fiji that need our help and we are enjoying the opportunities we are getting with this.

Fiji has a real lack of qualified and experienced tradespeople of all kinds. People are so grateful to just have the wisdom and knowledge of MMM. They appreciate having someone who knows what they are talking about and isn't trying to rip them off, to help them take the next step in the process.

We have experienced life as locals with vehicle issues being the norm. If you are a mechanic, you are welcome here anytime! Very little goes as you planned or in the time you expect it to be done; Fiji time is real. It will happen when it happens - you just need to be patient with expecting that. We are learning to be prepared for anything and not be surprised if everything changes with no notice.

If you would like to partner with us on upcoming projects, please get in touch through overseasteams@mmm.org.nz or check the MMM Fiji website, mmmfiiji.org



The good news is that travelling to Fiji is easy and we have several upcoming projects, some with dates attached and some in the pipeline. Sabeto Christian Camp is the next project with lots of maintenance work to be done, then we head to Savusavu in October to repair a hurricane damaged building. Other projects on the horizon include:

- Homes of Hope in Suva, a ministry that provides a safe place for girls, young women and children who have experienced or are at risk of sexual abuse
- A Bible College in Lautoka where staff accommodation has been ravaged by termites and has bad leaking issues
- A missionary family with young children who have served in Fiji three years and are building a new home. They have had so many hurdles on their build already yet remain faithful and optimistic to serve in Fiji through training pastors and Biblical counselling, particularly to the outer islands

There are many churches and ministries in need of new construction, renovations or maintenance, but have no expertise and are just waiting for MMM to come and help. We have a great passion to not only help these ministries in Fiji but to enable locals to help themselves and their people. We know this is a huge task but we have a big God.

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send workers out into his harvest field.”
Luke 10:2

- Rachael Hogan

SOUTH PACIFIC TEAMS ARE BACK!

Sabeto Christian Camp
17 September - 1 October

Sabeto Christian Camp have some leaks its their roof that need fixing before the rainy season hits. We will be doing roof maintenance and replacement in some areas. Depending on numbers, we may be able to bless the camp with other projects and maintenance.

Tonga Gospel Fellowship
12th - 26th November

Teresa Lourente has worked for Child Evangelism Fellowship in Tonga since 1995. Her home was devastated in the January tsunami. The Tonga Gospel Fellowship has asked for assistance to give Teresa a new home. Materials are being sent up from New Zealand in a container and there is a plan for a team to go in November. If you would like to join this team please contact the MMM office. Approximate cost is \$2,000

Contact: overseasteams@mmm.org.nz



New Team Members

CHRIS AND JEN McLEAN

You may recall in the last issue of the MMM magazine reading Chris's story of serving on the Anchorage church project in Mosgiel. Now the family has been accepted to serve with MMM in 2023. Read on to see how that came about!



McCLea family, L-R - Hudson, Jen, Thea, Chris and Abigail

Our Father in Heaven works in wonderful ways. In 2013 during Jen's elective placement with her medical degree, we chose to go to Kalene Mission Hospital in Zambia, timing it with her father, Ross Pettigrew (retired surgeon). While there I met some workers who were volunteering as plumbers/electricians. I helped them out and enjoyed hearing their story about their volunteering with Brass Tacks (another overseas servant trades ministry). I was about to start my building apprenticeship at the time and remember talking to Jen about it saying; "What a dream that would be, to travel around and volunteer for the Lord's work", and what a great way to use my carpentry skills for the kingdom! Practically speaking, we assumed retirement would be our next available time to serve this way, or when the kids grew up and left home. But now I had a long term goal with my carpentry career.

In 2021, I was in a church service reading the passage that was being preached on involving Haggai, and I was scrolling through other parts of the book. Haggai chapter one stood out to me quite vividly; "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin ... while each of you is busy with your own house?" (v4 and 9). I was convicted silently there that day that I should be keeping my eyes open for a way to 'build the Lord's temple' because at the time my wife and I were designing our own panelled house (using SIPS panels) in Dunedin!

Fast forward to 2022 when MMM came to Mosgiel (on a South Island Tiki Tour). I had an opportunity to serve on a project there and even take the Team Leader role. It was there that I heard of the need for qualified builders to become team leaders for MMM, and here we are, eager to serve for a full year, full time, to see what the Lord can accomplish through us in this way, and to see what the

Please be praying for the McLean family. They plan to live in a mobile home and move from project to project that way. MMM is a faith ministry and, as with all MMM Full-Time Team members they will need to raise their support. Pray they may know the Lord's blessing in this journey.

"Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin ... while each of you is busy with your own house?"

Lord is doing throughout Aotearoa/New Zealand in the various ministries he is working in. Jen and I realise we have an opportunity to serve the Lord now, even with a young family, by being a team leader with MMM. Maybe we will get to build our own house afterwards, one day, but right now we want to stop being busy working on our own house, and restore and build up the Lord's 'temple', his Church, ministries and people.

I (Chris) have spent eight years in the carpentry trade, and currently run a Christian building company called Spot On Building. I have a unique approach to the trades in professionalism, communication, and work ethic, modeling my company on Bible principles about service and work.

Jen has been working part time as a mum/doctor, and is about to start training to be a GP. she has got a deferral for one year before her training starts so that she can come and homeschool our three kids: Hudson (8), Thea (5) and Abigail (3).

Although we originally had other plans for 2023, we kept our hands open, not shut. So here we are, ready to serve in this very direct way with MMM, for God's glory! Please join us in prayer that the Lord would establish the work of our hands, for the gospel to be accessible for the current and next generation in these buildings and ministries around New Zealand.

- Chris McLean

COFFEE AND DESSERT EVENINGS

In the month of August, MMM held two Coffee and Dessert evenings, one in Hamilton and one in Mount Maunganui. Besides delicious brownie, berry sauce, apple crumble and icecream, there was an interesting evening hearing from MMM volunteers, some of our project recipients and a nailing/screwing race!

One of the project recipients, Hope Rising Farm Trust, shared their experience of having an MMM team and sang the team's praise so well the MC of the night. Howard, had to ask him some specific questions so those attending could hear what Hope Rising does. For more on that project see page 6.

At the Mount Maunganui evening Mark Fox shared his appreciation of the work done in transforming

some of the MAF hangar into offices and accommodation.

Although the Tauranga evening had a smaller attendance than Hamilton's, there were some new friendships made and old ones renewed.

The evenings finished with the different groups gathered at tables praying for the ministry of MMM and those who serve with it.

- Ave Robinson



Porirua Prayer Fellowship

The unseen framework of MMM - **GROUP PRAYER**



Hosts - Jenny and Ossie Fountain

Prayer is the underpinning structure of the ministry of MMM. There are several groups around New Zealand which meet monthly to pray for the work along with many who receive our monthly *Prayer Force*. We invited one to the Prayer Fellowship hosts to write about why they pray for MMM.

MMM has woven itself into our lives in various ways. We first became more fully aware of MMM's ministry when one of our elders, David Halse, a builder, felt the call of God to sell his home in Titahi Bay to join MMM. Our church commissioned David and his wife Jenny in January 1999. Later that year Howard and Ave Robinson brought their family and mobile home to our church in Titahi Bay to help us build an extension. That was October 1999. Later, after nearly nine years of missionary service in Papua New Guinea 2000-2008, we returned to our home in Tawa to find it badly needed its exterior painted. MMM were a wonderful team to help us get that job done. How blessed we felt!

Some years later, when David and June Gennard offered their home in Tawa as a venue for a monthly (Porirua) Prayer Fellowship Group in support of MMM, we gladly joined it and have been continuing members of that group ever since.

While we are only a small group praying for the ministry of MMM, it has deepened the concern and commitment of our members. So much so, that the more practical members have



joined in several projects. This process of growing interest and commitment has more recently led to Dave and June selling up and joining MMM on a full-time basis. And another member of our group, Stephen Douglas, has become an Associate.

We think of ourselves as not only a prayer

cell for MMM, but also a group with a personal interest in the Gennards as well. Visits from time to time of MMM Project team members update us on their contributions to MMM's work or current projects. Such visits have been a great stimulus to prayer.

Along the way, our monthly meetings have deepened our understanding of prayer as the unseen framework that is the most significant tool in the work of God. We have thought of the many different aspects of MMM's service and how they relate to our Christian life and building the Kingdom of God – our foundations, our walls, our windows, our doors all have lessons to teach us about our life with God and our fellowship with one another.

We certainly would like to invite more people to strengthen the work of MMM by joining a group or forming an MMM prayer cell near them. In the final analysis, individual and group prayer is the most vital way of contributing to the ministry of MMM and God's work in the world. - *Ossie and Jenny Fountain*

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Porirua: 2nd Monday of month at the home of Ossie & Jenny Fountain: 04 831 1171

Hastings: 2nd Tuesday of month, Station Community Church, Florence Street, Hastings: Daphne Nugent: 021 146 8197

Hamilton: 2nd Thursday of month, at home of David & Jenny Halse: 07 855 5764

If you are interested in starting an MMM Prayer Fellowship Group in your area, please contact MMM office: 07 871 9161

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WOODEND CHRISTIAN CAMP Christchurch

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Full-Time Volunteers on projects in New Zealand: Wayne MacCarthy, Robyn and Marty McKone and Leif Pedersen

PROJECT REPORTS

The team serving at Hope Rising. David King, Leif Pedersen, Mike Taylor, Terry Meads, Marty McKone

Hope Rising Farm Trust

"We recently heard about Mobile Mission Maintenance through one of our volunteers. As we are currently in the process of setting up a new property for our charity...", That's how this particular project for Hope Rising got started - good old word of mouth!



What is Hope Rising Farm? Hope Rising provides an empowering journey for vulnerable youth and women to develop life skills, confidence, trust and respect. By partnering with our friendly horses and donkeys. They learn to trust and have confidence in themselves and others in a relaxed environment through learning horsemanship skills and contributing to farm tasks. Working with the horses and on the farm, they can practice skills in a safe and fun learning environment and realise that in changing themselves, they have the power to influence the world around them.



The reality for some of our young people is that difficult life and family circumstances, or addiction to drugs and alcohol can put them out of step and in the wrong direction, where poor lifestyle choices are made. Youth in foster care are

three to six times more likely than youth not in care to have emotional, behavioural and developmental problems, including conduct disorders, depression, difficulties in school and impaired social relationships. However, horses don't care what you look like or what clothes you wear. They don't care where you've been or what you know. They offer unconditional friendship based on leadership, trust and respect.

The MMM team spent three weeks renovating an old shed into a feed room, tack room, break room and arena for training. Following the project, Hope Rising team wrote a thank you card to the team in which different team members wrote. It said:-

"Guys, you have been awesome. You have moved us ahead in a fantastic way. I praise God for your willingness to move his Kingdom forward."

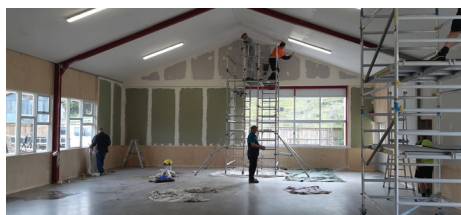
"Just blown away by your mahi! Thank you so much for coming out!"

"We are so, so grateful for all the work you have put into our stables and surrounding area, it has been so uplifting to see such amazing men putting in such work for the benefit of the local youth and women. May you be very blessed."

"Dear MMM Team, we would like to thank you all so much for all your hard work. Words are hard to find to express our gratitude. We absolutely love what you have created for us. Wishing you all the best."

Team Leader - Leif Pedersen, David King, Terry Meads, Robyn and Marty McKone, Mike Taylor

Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp



Our MMM Team, comprising of Mike Taylor (Team Leader), Marty and Robyn McKone, Robert Atkins, Ken Ogden, Russell Pinel, Gordon and Glenis Harkness, Leif Pedersen, with some assistance from the camp staff, spent two weeks from the 25th July till 5th of August refurbishing the existing dining hall with new Gib and timber panelling to the walls and then a full repaint of the entire internal space. The end result was amazing and a great standard of finish was achieved. We also found some time to assemble 20 kitchen



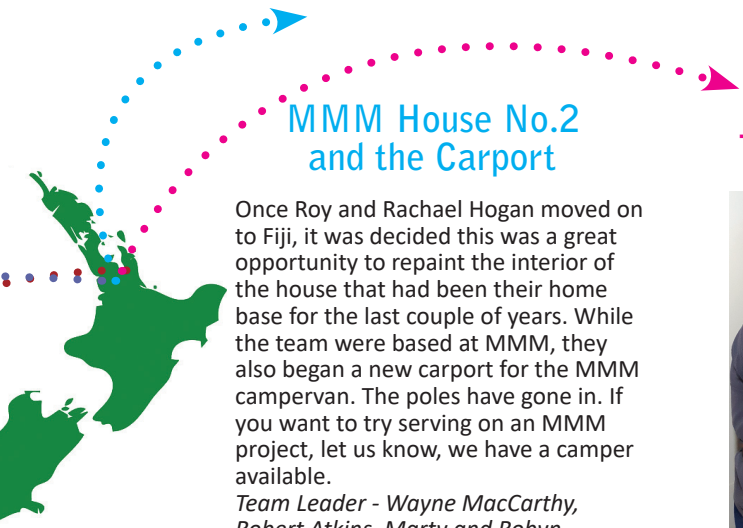
units for their upcoming Kitchen alterations. This project was the first in what will be a total redevelopment of the camp, with new accommodation blocks, bathroom facilities, conference centre and more. It was so good to be a part of what God is doing at Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to this project.

MMM Centre



The upgrade on the MMM Papua New Guinea unit has continued around other projects. It now has been strapped and lined, painted, has new kitchen cabinetry and a new double glazed window has been installed. It is wonderful to have a much improved unit for MMM volunteers and guests to enjoy. Pictured installing the window, Wayne MacCarthy, David Gennard, Howard Robinson, Elliot Marshall





MMM House No.2 and the Carport

Once Roy and Rachael Hogan moved on to Fiji, it was decided this was a great opportunity to repaint the interior of the house that had been their home base for the last couple of years. While the team were based at MMM, they also began a new carport for the MMM campervan. The poles have gone in. If you want to try serving on an MMM project, let us know, we have a camper available.

Team Leader - Wayne MacCarthy, Robert Atkins, Marty and Robyn McKone, Terry and Rhonda Meads



Totara Springs



A small team went to serve Totara Springs on what was mostly an electrical upgrade carried out by Lejf, who enjoys Totara Springs projects because he gets to catch up with his daughter who works there. Once it was discovered Marty was a mechanic, he was asked to put a new motor in a go-kart! Of course, such a job required a few test runs! MMM is always grateful for the way the skills of our team are able to be used on projects. *Team Leader - Lejf Pedersen, Marty and Robyn McKone*



All those at morning tea one morning on the MMM project

Farmers' Fellowship

Could you please donate and raise stock for MMM?

MMM's Farmers' Fellowship raises stock for MMM with the proceeds supporting MMM's overseas work. With the challenges of Covid effecting MMM's work in Zambia and Fiji, these funds are even more vital. Ring one of our contacts below to see how you can support Farmers' Fellowship.

**Contact: Maurice Turner 027 498 4993 or
Doug Carson 027 455 0100**



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>29 Aug - 21 Sept Capernwray Bible School</p> <p>3553 Cambridge Road, Cambridge</p> <p>Since 1995, Capernwray 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.</p>	
	<p>1 Aug - 30 Sept Mission Aviation Fellowship</p> <p>7 De Havilland Way, Mount Maunganui</p> <p>This project has finally taken off! It's a renovation of a hangar to include offices and accommodation.</p>		<p>29 Aug - 8 Sept Te Puke Baptist Church</p> <p>Corner Malyon Street and Station Road, Te Puke</p> <p>It's time to serve our brothers in sisters in Te Puke! Hey, you may even get to eat some Kiwifruit! This project is to paint the kitchen. Bring your brushes!</p>
<p>12 Sept - 23 Sept 14th Avenue Gospel Centre</p> <p>10 Fourteenth Avenue, Tauranga South, Tauranga</p> <p>Water has done some damage to the stage area; now it's time for the repair. Construction, repair and some painting is required.</p>		<p>3 - 14 Oct 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>3-21 Oct St Paul's Katikati</p> <p>1 Mulgan Street, Katikati 3129</p> <p>The weather is warming up and exterior painting is back! Come along and help get this church transformed.</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>

SOUTH PACIFIC PROJECTS ARE BACK!

Sabeto Christian Camp, Fiji. September
Tonga Gospel Fellowship, Tonga. November

See page 3, for details or go to mmmfiiji.org or mmmnz.org.nz

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE?
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Volunteers are welcome on projects. Just call Dave first to check the project is on schedule! Thanks!



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