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NZ UPDATE



MMM International (NZ) Staff for 2008

From left: Bruce Alchin (Director), Rod Heape, Michelle & Ernie Pene (North Island team leaders), Ian Cross, Fraser Barrett, Jenny Halse (Office Administrator), David Halse (Project Manager), Alan and Rosina Mitchell (South Island Mobile team leaders).

New Staff House Takes Shape!

Yes, work has begun on the new staff house at the MMM Centre, Pirongia. There are funds in hand to get it closed in. If you would like to give a gift towards the completion of the house please send it to MMM International (NZ) 1 Kane St., Pirongia 3802, NZ earmarked for 'House Fund'.



PROJECT REPORTS

North Island

The last project for 2007 was at **YWAM Family Ministries**, Matamata. The whole team, Fraser Barrett, Ian Cross, David Halse, Rod Heape, Ernie Pene and even Alan Mitchell from the South Island worked on this project. Associates Stan Schroder and Haapi Wilson



YWAM Family Ministries, Matamata were there too. Thanks to Maurice Turner from Matamata for your help and Gordon and Glenys Harkness from Auckland who tried their hand for the first time on an MMM project. Concrete paths were laid and plenty of painting and maintenance jobs got done.



David Halse working on the Destination World project

With extra helpers a lot of work has been done so far this year, beginning with a good team of helpers working at the MMM Centre in Pirongia. They were building partitions in the workshop (see above) which were later to be joined and decorated for the combined missions stand '**Destination World**' at the Parachute Music Festival. This was a 'walk through' experience of mission in foreign



Parachute

countries. Bamboo was collected from a neighbouring property to make walls and mission groups and Bible College students did the final decorating. Thousands of young people went through the display at Parachute, it was a great success. Our own MMM display for Parachute was also assembled at Pirongia.



Ian Cross painting at CBM

Fraser, Ian, Rod and Ernie painted the interior of the **CBM (Children's Bible Ministries)** shop in Auckland and Fraser and Rod did gib stopping at the **River of Life AOG Church** in Whangaparaoa for a week in January.

The new **MMM staff house** was also commenced in January. A few hold-ups were experienced but it's underway again now. Thanks to Graeme and Dorothy Buchanan for coming over from Rotorua to do the plumbing.

For part of January and then into February, David, Fraser, Ian and Rod assisted by Ruth Gormley, helped paint **Ross and Roula Georgious'** house in Torbay, Auckland. The Georgious' have been in mission work for many years and are staff members with

Campus Crusade for Christ.

Another CCC staff member needed his house painting too so the team moved on to **Matt and Rebecca Hawkins'** house at Beach Haven, North Shore City. The Hawkins have four boys and find it difficult with CCC commitments to get the DIY jobs done around their house.

As with many projects this year, the Hawkins' house was finished ahead of schedule so a week was spent doing maintenance work and finishing off projects at the **Birkdale Bible Chapel** where the Penes and Schrodgers had their vehicles parked while working in Auckland. Chas Bennett from Birkdale Bible Chapel wrote: *"Thank you so much for the painting you have done at our Chapel. Words cannot express how empowering this has been for us to be motivated to do more of Christ's work in our community."*

Fraser, Ian, Rod and David spent 2 - 3 weeks painting **Brian and Gwenda Goodwins'** house in Cambridge. The Goodwins are missionaries with GLO (Gospel Literature Outreach) in Australia, they wrote and thanked MMM for the work done: *"I cannot commend your men highly enough. They have all seemed consistently happy in what they're doing. Their conversation and devotional times underline the fact they're working for eternal causes. The house looks better than it has ever looked!"*

During February/March, Ernie, Fraser, Ian and Rod all worked at the **Drury Church** in South Auckland. Thanks to John Baty for his help too. A house which had been moved to this site, (see below) needed a lot of tidying up and the team did a great job.



South Island

We finished last year by going back to Christchurch to finish off the painting of **Craig Farrow's** garage. The Farrow's are missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

We started this year at Mosgiel, just out of Dunedin. We worked with the Taieri Christian Education Trust which runs the **Amana Christian School**, a conference centre and are also in the process of renovating another building they own to house a Christian pre-school.



Helpers at Amana Christian School:
Brian & Celia Sholl, Roslyn King & Bart Gilmore

Lots of renovating went on inside. It was a great encouragement to us again to have a big turnout of helpers on the job, with Brian and

Cecelia Scholl joining us from Blenheim Elim Church and also Bart and Muriel Gilmore and Clive and Esther Dennis. It was a long way for the Scholls to come, but a great commitment to serve. The team water blasted and painted the outside of the building.

It was an incredibly busy time for us as we also had work to do on our own home in Waimate before heading off to Hong Kong to work on the project at the **MMM Centre at High Rock**.

Alan and Rosina Mitchell
South Island Mobile Team

Position Vacant in Fiji Project Coordinator

Would you like to spend all or part of 2008 serving the Lord in Fiji through the work of MMM? The role would include working with teams from NZ and at times working on projects on your own or with local helpers. You would need to have the endorsement of your own church. For more information contact: **Bruce Alchin 07 871 9161** bruce@mmm.org.nz

Parachute MMM Display



“What’s that in your Hand?” Exodus 4:2, this year’s theme for the MMM stand at **Parachute Music Festival**. A good number of trades people and others were attracted to the MMM stand by the tools and many new contacts were made.

Take a drive in the country
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MMM OPEN DAY

- Visit the new staff house
- Meet the staff
- Visit the Penes' Amazing Mobile Home
- Enjoy food & fun
- Purchase jams & crafts
- Learn more about MMM

3.00pm Afternoon tea
5.30pm BBQ
Sunday 30th March
at the MMM Centre
1 Kane St., Pirongia

Please bring BBQ food; salads, bread, fruit, etc
Meat provided



MMM is grateful to Ron Ronalds for the 7 years he has served as Chaplain to MMM. Due to poor health Ron had to resign from this position at the end of 2007. Ron has made a valuable contribution to MMM during this time and his counsel has been much appreciated.

The Board of MMM is now seeking someone with the appropriate skills to take over this role.

Anyone interested should contact either the Board Chairman, Cameron Bennett or the Director, Bruce Alchin. 07 871 9161

Upcoming Projects

Organisation	Location	Dates	Project
North Island			
MMM International (NZ)	1 Kane St., Pirongia	From now onwards	Building new staff house
Capernwray Bible School	3553 Cambridge Rd., Cambridge	17 > 28 March	Construction of new administration building
Anglican Church	cnr Huia & Manu aute Streets Taumarunui	31 March > 18 April	Painting church exterior
Ruapehu Christian Camp	44 Mill St., Kakahi Taumarunui	21 April > 2 May	Renovating toilet block
River of Life Church	28 Koripiro Dr., Stanmore Bay, Whangaparaoa	5 > 23 May	Internal alterations, new church premises in existing shop
Donald & Gwen Stevenson	3 Donald Pl., Hastings	28 April > 16 May	Constructing Pastor's house
South Island			
Rangiora Baptist Church	111 East Belt, Rangiora	25 > 28 March	Maintenance
Mt Hutt Elim Church	112 Main St., Methven	1 > 11 April	Internal alterations, building new church in an existing building
YWAM	14 Church St., Oxford	14 > 24 April	Bathroom alterations

If you can help in the North Island ph David Halse and confirm that projects are on schedule
 MMM, 1 Kane St., Pirongia 3802 Ph/fax 07 871 9161 email: mmmnz@mmm.org.nz
 For South Island projects ph Alan Mitchell 021 164 4939 email: mitchandrosie@slingshot.co.nz
 or check the web site www.mmm.org.nz (refer: Work Projects - Current Work Program)

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5th to 7th September 2008
Totara Springs Christian Camp
Matamata

Speaker: Ross Pilkinton

Write it in your diary today
and plan to attend

