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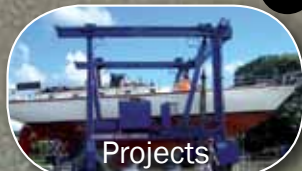
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Cover: Rod Heape & David Halse working on the Seahawk yacht, Whangarei

## Letter from the Director

June 2011

MMM has been blessed as a result of the Prayer and Fasting held during April. We would like to thank all who prayed specifically for our ministry, we have seen prayers answered and we praise God for this. However - there are still needs to be met and we ask you all to continue to ask the Lord of the harvest to bring more people into the work of MMM.

In the past few months we have seen much destruction in many parts of the world caused by earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, tornadoes and bushfires. In our own country, Christchurch is very much in our thoughts, as we consider how to face the enormity of the rebuilding task there, many church and mission buildings are in need of considerable help to repair and rebuild. MMM NZ is willing to commit resources to help with this immense task. The need for assistance overseas also continues. We have a large number of projects in Fiji needing teams to go and assist; we also have requests from other countries, including India. The team just returned from the Momi Bay project in Fiji have taken a building that was commenced over 10 years ago a step closer to being completed, this has proved to be a real encouragement to those involved in mission outreach there and will help to remove the label of the 'abandoned church'!

As you can see the need for builders, trades people and those handy with their hands continues - if you want a holiday with a difference, whether in NZ or overseas - where you are helping to build (or rebuild) God's kingdom - plan now to set time aside to join one of our Work Teams, as those in one of the reports on page 6 shared - they returned home the richer for their involvement!

Please consider getting involved, whether it be for the first time or the tenth time, I know you will be blessed by the experience.....

Let's continue to "help people whenever we can, especially if they are followers of the Lord." Gal 6:10

Blessings,  
Bruce Alchin, Director



## MMM New Zealand

- **Practical Ministry**
- **People Ministry**
- **Spiritual Ministry**
- **International Ministry**

### Mission Statement

MMM International exists to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ by building, renovating and maintaining facilities used in Christian outreach. It supports and encourages Christian work and workers while creating awareness of global missions and challenging people to become involved.

### Anyone with a willing heart to serve the Lord

### Jesus Christ can be involved

### Vision Statement

To see the Church operate with adequate facilities for people of every nation, people and language to worship the living God. To see believers empowered, equipped and mobilised to fulfill The Great Commission.

## MMM NZ Centre, Pirongia

Centrally located in the Waikato, Pirongia has been an ideal spot for MMM NZ since 1995. The property is owned by Stewards Trust and is leased to MMM at no cost!

The Centre is at the north end of Pirongia Village with a spectacular view of Mount Pirongia across rolling, lush green pastures. It covers 1.3 hectares with several buildings: the admin block has 3 offices, a dining room, meeting room, a 2 bedroom s/c unit, 1 one bedroom s/c unit, a bed-sit unit, a wheelchair access bedroom/shower/toilet unit and communal laundry/ablation block for the nearby 6 caravan sites. The centre also has a 4 bedroom house and a 3 bedroom house, a large workshop and various other sheds. Some of the land provides grazing for donated livestock. This complex is a wonderful provision from the Lord.

David and Jenny Halse live in the 3 bedroom home, having lived previously in several of the other units. At present Bill and Pam Todd are living in the 'Zambia 2 bed unit', Ian Cross resides in the 1 bed unit and Haapi and Erica Wilson are renting the 4 bedroom house. Rod Heape occupies the caravan park when he is at Pirongia.

Have you visited the MMM Centre lately? Do call in or stay overnight if you're travelling along SH 39. *Jenny Halse*



# MMM PRAYER FELLOWSHIP GROUPS



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A big thank you to everyone who took part in the MMM Special Month of Prayer and Fasting during April. MMM is reaping a harvest from those prayers, so please keep it up as there are still many needs.

There are groups of people meeting regularly around NZ to pray for the people and work of MMM, some monthly and others weekly. Most groups are specifically praying for MMM while others meet regularly for prayer and include MMM amongst other items. MMM supplies the groups with an informative sheet of prayer items, the upcoming work program and any special events' dates. Some groups meet for a shared meal or supper and the fellowship is always enjoyed by everyone. The MMM staff try to attend the groups whenever possible. At present there are eleven such groups and MMM would love to set up more groups or supply prayer information to any existing prayer groups. Contact the MMM office for details.

We would like to encourage you to attend a prayer group near you, just contact the names listed on this page for details.

# Work Reports

## New Zealand

Full-time staff members on the Work Team: Ian Cross, David Halse, Rod Heape.



Above: Rose-Mary Hunt, Rod Heape, Sheila, Daniel & David Chater, Fraser Barrett, David Halse and Ian Cross

### North Island:

David and Sheila Chater have been missionaries in Asia for 8 years. They rent out their home in Hamilton to assist with their financial support. Their house had become very run down and 'tired'. In March the MMM Work Team gave the house a 'make-over'. As well as the regular workers they had Fraser Barrett and Don Partridge on the job. The whole of the inside of the house was painted as well as parts of the exterior. Maintenance work was done as needed along the way. Even the new tenant came and worked with the team.

For the later part of March and into April the Work Team was at Taumarunui helping the Baptist Church continue with their upgrade and extension, see photos below and above right. They built a large deck, stairs and a fence. They also did interior



and exterior painting, built a new stage with steps and a ramp. Along the way they enjoyed good country hospitality and friendship with the locals, both on the job and in their homes. The church had a 'hangi dinner' to celebrate the completion of the building and the pastor's 60th birthday.



For the rest of April the Work Team were at Hillsborough Baptist Church in Auckland, see photo below. MMM Associates Brian and Celia Sholl drove up from Blenheim and joined the team on this project. The project was mostly painting the exterior of the church manse and hall, interior church offices and the repair of weather boards and windows.



From Easter until mid June, the Work Team was in Whangarei helping with maintenance on the Seahawk yacht. The 53' yacht is owned by the Dayspring Trust, based in Fiji and used to deliver Bibles around outlying Pacific islands. It was a new experience for the team to work on a yacht and it was still in the water for the first two weeks. Once the yacht was taken out of the water and under cover, the work began in earnest. Rod was first on the job assisted by MMM Associates Brian and Celia Sholl and Stan Zwies. David and Ian joined the team later in the month and the Associates returned home. MMM extends a big thank you to Martin Brierley for encouraging local folk to help on the project and provide accommodation for the team. Special thanks to Ray and Shirley Melsop and Bernie and Glenys Rimmer for billeting team members for all those weeks.

David and Jenny Halse



**South Island:**

MMM Associates; Bart and Muriel Gilmore and Stan Zwies did a great job painting the Cobden Runanga Anglican Church (near Greymouth) in late February and into March. They had assistance from a man doing 'community service' and a twelve year old boy who came regularly after school to help the team. His parents had no church connections but the boy was keen to help. It was a big job to prepare and then paint the church roof and exterior. **See photo at right.**

The next project was much the same at the Reefton Baptist Church, but the roof was closer to the ground! After some initial repairs - they repainted the roof and exterior. Three local men helped most days.

**Reefton Baptist Church, photo below, shows Bart Gilmore, Paul Mitchell and Stan Zwies working on the roof being painted and the photo on the right shows the finished product.**



**Fiji**

*Bill and Pam Todd*

The past couple of months have been a hive of activity, as we completed projects before returning back to New Zealand in early May, at the end of our two-year work permit.

It was awesome to be able to be a part of Leilani's wedding in the Lami Gospel Church on 23rd April – the culmination of so many hours of assistance by so many, over the last couple of years. The project commenced in July 2009 with the first team from Te Awamutu, and many teams have followed. Malcolm and Anne Ragg (see photo on the right), from Napier, and ourselves, worked hard to complete the concrete floor, paintwork, and provide at least two functioning toilets, prior to the wedding. The weather was not in our favour, with heavy tropical storms, making the ground soggy, and outside work limited. See photo below of Leilani with her proud father, Pastor Alfred Powell.

While in Suva we also met with people involved with the Gospel School for the Deaf and an application has been approved to re-pile the Head Teacher's house, which will most likely be used as a hostel for the older deaf boys at the school. It is expected this project will require a team around September this year. Also we were able to meet with Ken and Mary Cairns from SPEF, and MMM has agreed to assist them with rebuilding/upgrading the Golden Sands Christian Camp at Olosara (near Sigatoka).



There is also a second application from the Chinese Evangelical Church in Nadi, to do work on additional premises to be used for Children's Ministry.

Peter Scott - team leader, David Lathe, Noah Lee, Paul Lee, David Moloney, Marcus Moloney and Fononga Tupa have worked on the Agape Trust Project at Momi, in the first two weeks of June.

Bill and I have applied for and received an extension of our work permits to enable us to move freely between NZ and Fiji, but anticipate spending more family time back here in New Zealand. We look forward to travelling back to Fiji to assist with projects as necessary and to meet up with all the very dear friends we have made over the past two years.



**Is there a more rewarding way of using annual leave and taking a holiday, than to use it in service for our Lord and Saviour?**

My husband Malcolm and I had some leave due and some cash saved for a holiday. It would have been nice to lie on a beach in some Pacific paradise for a few days, but that's all. We would be refreshed, have spent a lot of money and achieved nothing of value. So what did we do? We spent two and a half weeks in hot, rainy, uncomfortable conditions with sweaty, achy and tired bodies, to paint, concrete, line walls and fit toilets amongst other things at Lami Gospel Church, Fiji. This was done just in time for Pastor Alfred and Lute's daughter Leilani's wedding.

So not only did we get to attend the first service held in their new building, which was led by the Children's Church, we also got to attend the first wedding to be held there. We also attended several feasts for different occasions. Also during our time in Fiji, we were able to call in at two other possible MMM projects, spent quality time with some wonderful people and come home the poorer in the pocket but richer for the opportunity to serve.

**Malcom & Anne Ragg**



**Agape Trust, Momi**

*Ray & Laura Pittman*

The MMM team worked hard on the Community Outreach Centre here in Momi Bay. Once referred to by the neighbours as the "abandoned church," this concrete block building has been lying dormant and half-finished for over a decade. Our biggest need has been plastering, and this team has worked on that, as well as carpentry and painting. In the words of the team, it's been a very successful trip. It's such a big job, there's more fun to go around. They are hoping to bring out another group to finish the building in September or October this year. The team has enjoyed getting to know the rural farming community around Momi Bay, as well as several excursions including a day trip to Robinson Crusoe Island. They have been a huge blessing to us and we look forward to seeing the next MMM team!



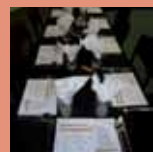
**Left: Peter Scott, Team Leader**



You're invited to the next **Auckland MMM Dinner**  
**6pm Saturday 20th August**  
**Hillsborough Baptist Church, 179 Hillsborough Road,**  
**Hillsborough, Auckland**

\$20-00 per person or \$35-00 per couple  
 Book in now for a great evening

**For catering purposes RSVP by 4pm Wed 17th August to the**  
**Church Office: 09 625 5050 office@hillsbc.org.nz**  
**or MMM Office: 07 871 9161 mmmnz@mmm.org.nz**



# What's Happening with MMM South Africa?

MMM South Africa, in its current form, began around a coffee table in the Mugg & Bean at the Vincent Park Shopping Centre in East London, South Africa, when the late Graham Victor asked me to get involved after returning from a stint with OM Ships in Germany. This was in January 2008.

Up to that point MMM Australia and MMM International had been working in South Africa in an informal way through Ray Paddle, Burchard and Ethne Buchner and the First City Baptist Church, East London and related ministries. During which time a number of projects were undertaken and completed.

Currently MMM South Africa is set up in the form of a trust. There is also a functioning board which meets at least twice a year. I am the sole full time staff member (a support raising missionary) with another volunteer in the Durban Area, Don McLean who is currently assisting with some projects in Kwa-Zulu, Natal. MMM South Africa currently operates out of a small office on the First City Baptist Church property in East London.

During the last three and half years MMM has been involved in a number of projects in the East London area and also as far away as Pretoria. In East London MMM has managed the building of three houses. One on behalf of an individual looking to make a difference



and two on behalf of a ministry called Restore Homes. We have been involved in the design and tender process of a new electrical reticulation system on the OM training base in Pretoria. MMM has also facilitated the installation of an I.T. network on the campus of the Sophumelela Ministries and First City Baptist Church.

In financial terms this relates to more than approx NZ\$185,000.00 for the projects and in some cases we were able to help some ministries save up to approx NZ\$11,000.00 in professional fees as well. Sometimes we have been compensated to a small degree for the work we have done, but in most we have helped by providing the technical expertise. If MMM has not had the right technical expertise we have been able to source this on behalf of the ministry we have helped.

Currently we have a number of projects which MMM is considering assisting. We are waiting to see if Restore Homes is able to build houses this year for at least 5 of their 23 recipients and whether MMM should be involved there. We are also currently in the process of having a look at the ministry of MMM South Africa and how best we can meet the needs in the best possible way. There is an exciting future for MMM in South Africa. It may just not look quite the same as anywhere else in the world.

*Neil Eichstadt*



## Building, Empowering People...

Travelling to the continent of Africa provides you with an awesome display of God's handiwork and you cannot help but be amazed at the beauty and splendour of both this land and its people. The south eastern most part of this continent is no exception and brings you to one of the most picturesque attractions for overseas travellers – East London. In this city, which is the only river port in South Africa, you can enjoy some of the most attractive beaches with pounding surf whilst also enjoying a city that still manages to retain some of its old fashion values and charm.

For years gone by, people in this country and city have lived on a knife edge, with oppressed people groups struggling to maintain their existence whilst others have lived in the lap of luxury. Life changed considerably at the end of the apartheid era but for some, what seemed to be the end of hopelessness, became an even greater struggle against new and different types of oppression.

The city of East London, surrounded by a vast impoverished rural hinterland, sees a steady inflow of people coming in search of work and better living conditions. This has caused major problems for the already struggling infrastructure. Housing and government subsidy shortages means that for many South Africans there is no alternative but to live in what is called the "informal housing and shack settlements". The bright attraction of the city and its new opportunities soon fades when there is no work to be found and the living conditions are limited. Unemployment, poverty and Aids are major issues.

In the heart of this is the Stirling Baptist Church with MMM working along-side it on a project known as "Restore Homes". The group's vision is "to restore homes for needy families in communities". They "develop low cost housing that is sustainable and replicable in communities, whereby beneficiaries are

mentored and empowered as home owners, restoring dignity to themselves and their families". This project is changing people's lives not by just giving them a safe warm place to live but by working alongside of them to help them change their whole life. As an organisation, Restore Homes believes they are called to love and serve their neighbours and are challenged by the growing housing need evident in the community. This initiative partners with professionals, finance institutions and other interested stakeholders to develop a housing delivery process that will enable people living in shacks to own a quality built home within five years. This group is giving hope to the hopeless by not only providing a house, which will become their home, but by empowering them to create an income stream that will help them own that home in the quickest possible time. It also helps them access government funding wherever possible to assist in their purchase. MMM plays a significant role in the development of this project. Under the guidance of MMM's Neil Eichstadt - site manager, and with the assistance of generous donors, building suppliers who provided materials at reduced cost, in partnership with building contractors and through volunteered time from professional builders, site inspectors, architects and attorneys it has been possible to build houses in Scenery Park. A recipient of one of the houses was Elizabeth. In 1997 she benefited from a Government/NGO initiative and was allocated a parcel of serviced land with a flush toilet on site and 1,000 cement blocks. The initiative was that over time residents would be able to build their own home. But with high



unemployment and low incomes few residents ever achieved this and have simply built shacks from wood and iron around their toilets. Elizabeth managed to build a two roomed shack (see below left) in which she and her family lived for 14 years. In winter the shack leaked and in summer was unbearably hot. At the time she moved into her shack she knelt down and prayed that one day God would help her build a home of her own. She dreamt of one day sitting at her lounge room window in her dressing gown, sipping tea and watching the people pass by. On the day that she received the keys to her new home she told of how she had especially washed and ironed her dressing gown to fulfil her dream.

Elizabeth was elated on the day she opened the door to her new home telling of how over the years she had stored household goods for her new home. Her 18 year old son was also excited to have his own room for the first time. Her faith and belief in God saw her realise the answer to her prayer. The design of the house provides an opportunity to take in tenants and to generate a small income to assist with the costs. Elizabeth's old shack has been demolished and replaced with a vegetable garden and lawn, donated by a local organisation. She has also planted a fig tree as well as an indigenous tree. This has been a life changing experience for Elizabeth and her family and she praises God for answered prayer.

The ongoing work of Restore Homes with the assistance of MMM will see many lives changed. The fulfilment of MMM's purpose is demonstrated here as MMM and Stirling Baptist Church work together for the extension of His Kingdom.



# Upcoming Projects in NZ

ORGANISATION	LOCATION	DATES	PROJECT
<b>North Island</b>			
Finlay Park Adventure Camp	117 Finlay Road, Cambridge	13 June > 15 July	Build new toilet/shower block
Tandem Ministries	307 Great North Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland	18 > 29 July	Upgrade offices
Joy McRae	38 Parrish Road, Mt Eden, Auckland	Date to be confirmed	Build fence for missionary
Craig & Jose Barrow	259 Roberts Road, Cambridge	Date to be confirmed	Replace gib on interior walls for Bible College Principal's home
<b>South Island</b>			
Bridge Valley Adventure Camp	Moore Road, Wakefield, Nelson	Date to be confirmed	Interior painting of cabins and repairs to climbing wall

**HELPERS ARE WELCOME FOR ALL THESE PROJECTS, TRADESPEOPLE OR 'JACK' & 'JILLS' OF ALL TRADES'**

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Web site www.mmm.org.nz (refer: Work Projects - Current Work Program)

# Upcoming Overseas Projects

**There are several projects in Fiji waiting for teams of volunteers - will you go? Dates are flexible!**



**Lami Gospel Church** - The roof is on, some walls are up and the floor has been poured, now comes the finishing; carpentry, concreting, plumbing, painting etc

**Chinese Evangelical Fellowship, Nadi** - Building partitions, build cupboards and window covers

**South Pacific Evangelical Fellowship, Golden Sands Christian Camp, Sigatoka** - Building cabins, bunks, fencing, plumbing

**HIS International Mission, Lautoka** - building multi-purpose facility for Bible training camps & seminars

**Agape Trust, Momi** - plaster/paint/electrical

**School for the Deaf - staff house, Suva** - repiling

*Cost for Fiji trips: approx \$1500-00 for 2 weeks includes air fares, accommodation & excursion*

**Angel House Rehabilitation Centre - China**

Angel House is a rehab, education and vocational skills centre for children and young people with Cerebral Palsy. It was set up nine years ago by the Principal herself who has a child with Cerebral Palsy. Some students stay during the week and return to parents at the weekends. The project will happen during their summer break. The school does not receive government funding and is working for eternal results by sharing the love of Jesus. MMM will renovate areas which at present make access by the children rather difficult.

Trades people i.e. builders, plumbers, tilers and handy people are needed for this worthwhile project.

*Cost \$830-00 + cost of return flights to Hong Kong for 3 weeks 7 > 27 August 2011*



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**International China Concern (ICC)**

ICC has been serving the mentally and physically disabled and orphaned children of China for nearly 15 years. MMM has done many projects for them over this time as they have expanded their ministry. ICC has bought an apartment to be used as a group home and MMM will be assisting in its renovation.

**MMM Hong Kong** requires a variety of trades and handy people along with those who are just willing to get their hands dirty.

*Cost approx \$800-00 + cost of return flights to Hong Kong for 3 weeks during October & November 2011  
 Dates to be confirmed*



**For the China projects, please register your interest with MMM Hong Kong before you buy your tickets! mmmhk@mmm.org.hk**

*MMM NZ can assist with flight bookings*

**Also check out the MMM International web site or the MMM NZ office for other overseas projects**

**www.mmminternational.org**

**Are you passionate about serving God?**

**Are you passionate about construction work? Are you passionate about building God's Kingdom? MMM NZ needs skilled Builders, Joiners, Electricians etc to lead Work Teams and a Director**

**These are "faith support" roles and the applicant would need to show a clear calling to these positions and the commendation of their church would also be a requirement.**

**Any enquiries should be directed to MMM New Zealand, 1 Kane Street, Pirongia 3802, or phone 07 871 9161**