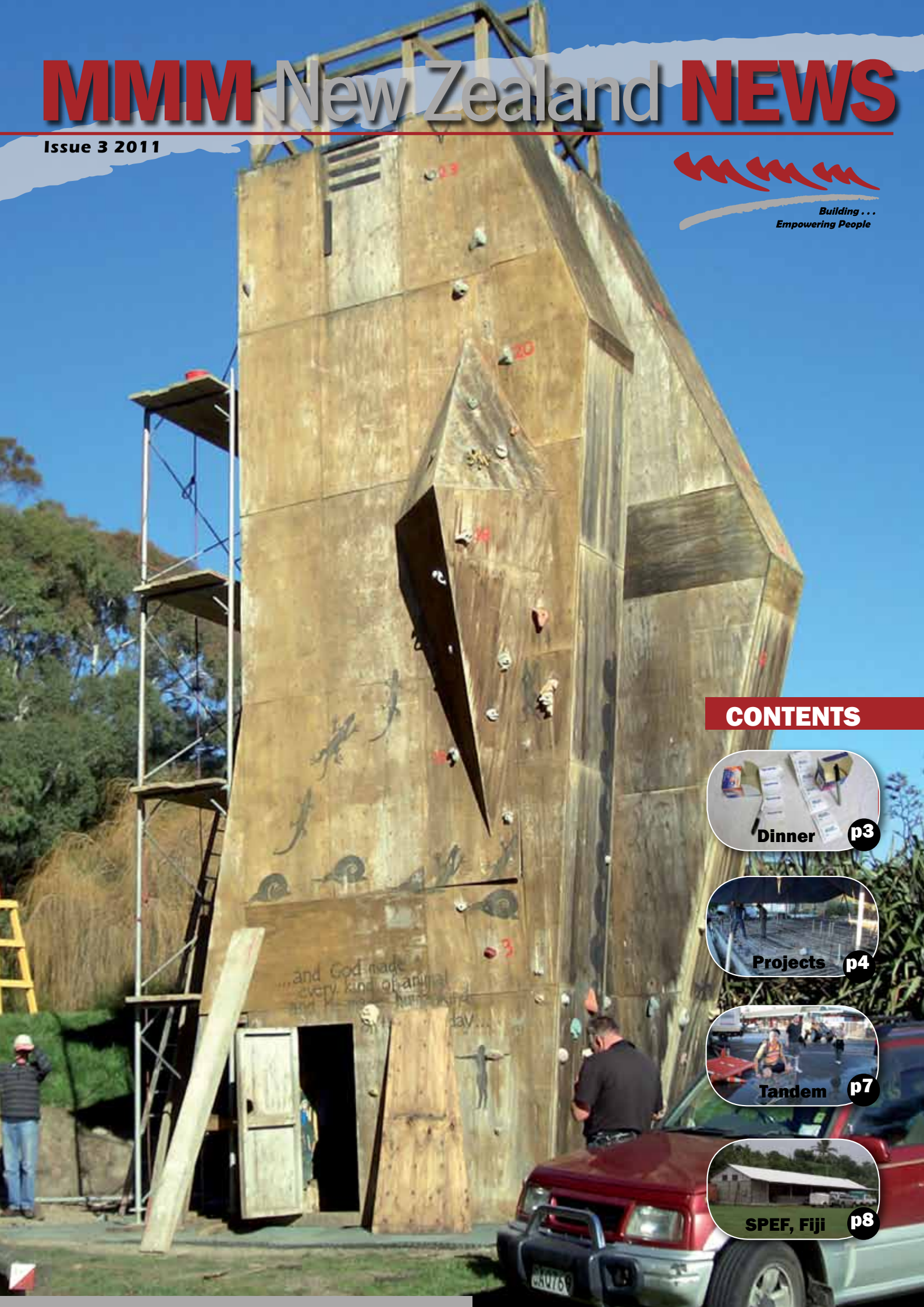


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Cover: MMM project - Climbing Tower, Bridge Valley Adventure Centre, Wakefield, Nelson

# Letter from the Director

September 2011

We have been reading and hearing much about 'teams' as we head to the Rugby World Cup, which will be in full swing when these words are read. Currently the teams are arriving from all around the world and are being welcomed into the hearts of New Zealanders. Along with the players, there will be a range of support personnel, coaches, doctors, physio's, trainers, etc perhaps outnumbering the actual players.

MMM functions in a similar manner, with the 'team' – those actually out doing the 'work' being encouraged by a range of supporters, the Associates, the volunteers, the Chaplain, the Prayer Fellowships, the financial supporters and the Board.

Just as with a rugby team, players retire, succumb to injury or move on to other roles, so MMM team members change as time progresses. We are constantly seeking more team members to join MMM – so the challenge again is: - who will give their time and energies to serve with MMM using their practical skills? We are grateful that a 'husband and wife team' has just been accepted by the Board of MMM to work full time on projects from the start of 2012. We trust God will continue to bring more committed people to work with us.

Our regular readers may have noticed the significant number of projects in Fiji for which we have been seeking teams to go and work on. God has graciously brought a number of people forward from a range of backgrounds and we now have several teams either heading to or about to head to Fiji to work on: a Children's Orphanage, a Bible College, a Christian Camp and possibly other projects as well. The need is great – are you available to join a 2 week Work Team? Could you encourage a group from your church to go and give much needed assistance and encouragement to our fellow Christians – we would love to hear from you. Don't wait to read about the great times they had – be part of the story! Join the team!

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.

## FARMERS FELLOWSHIP

### What Can a Farmer Do?

Farmers can be partners in world evangelism by showing God's love in a practical way. Many Christian farmers are keen to get involved in service for God but can't get away from responsibilities on the farm so MMM has set up the Farmers Fellowship. It's a way for farmers to do what farmers do best. Farmers, graziers and hobby farmers may donate livestock, provide milk powder and/or meal, offer grazing or gift animals at birth and raise them until marketable, with the proceeds going to MMM Fiji. Those involved with Horticulture may donate proceeds to MMM from the sale of produce.



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# MMM DINNER - AUCKLAND



About 60 people attended an MMM Dinner held at the Hillsborough Baptist Church in Auckland on 20th August. It was a great night with a wide variety of people, many of whom have been recipients of help from MMM, others have been MMM supporters for many years and then there were those who came to find out about MMM.

David Halse 'chaired' the evening which began with an introduction of all the full-time staff and a DVD from MMM Hong Kong, starring the Robinson family and Harry Joe.

**Thanks to Diane & Stuart Turner, their friends and family (above & below) for a wonderful meal**



Eamon Sullivan, a staff member from Hillsborough Baptist Church gave thanks for the meal and told how he had first become involved in the practical ministry of MMM while working as a brick layer on an MMM project in Levin many years ago.

Stuart and Diane Turner and their family, who are members of the Hillsborough Baptist Church put on a wonderful meal which everyone enjoyed: roast beef, chicken, roast vegetables, salad etc. followed by apple crumble and cream! Stuart's family has a long association with MMM as his father went to Hong Kong on one of the first MMM projects there.

After the first course, Gordon and Glenys Harkness spoke of their journey so far with MMM. Gordon has a background as a teacher, pastor, social worker and builder. Glenys had been wondering what she could do if they began working with MMM. She has raised a family of six children; she paints pictures (and walls), can sew and is a nurse. Glenys is keen to share her Christian faith and she loves her cup of coffee, so MMM is suiting her down to the ground as MMM stops for coffee three times a day!

Gordon heard about MMM when Charles Sundgren then later David Halse spoke at his church. He thought he would help with MMM projects in his free time but many things soon filled all his free time. He thought he wasn't really qualified to work in MMM but MMM staff member and builder Ernie Pene, told him 'you're more qualified than me.'



**Above: Gordon & Glenys Harkness**

**Below: David Halse**



So Gordon and Glenys have bought a caravan and shifted town thus moving on from many of their responsibilities to enable them to work on MMM projects. Their first project was at Tandem Ministries in Auckland city with nowhere to park their caravan. Through the generosity of Gweneth and John Cope, the team was able to stay in their home during this time. Gordon then found it an interesting experience 'living and working' with the MMM team, "that's how you really get to know people" he said. He enjoyed learning about the work of Tandem Ministries, hearing of all the people who had become Christians through this ministry.

David Halse gave an update on some of the 35 projects MMM has worked on in the last year, and commented how he found it a real joy working at the Hillsborough Baptist Church, and to see all the different programmes the church was running.

Mike Buckley from CBM (Children's Bible Ministries) told how he is thrilled to be partnering with MMM. Mike shared about how he had become a Christian while attending a camp at the Crusader Lodge at Mt Ruapehu and he was intrigued to see MMM had recently painted that building. Mike spoke mostly from the book of Matthew about sharing, giving and loving our neighbours. He thinks MMM has an amazing attitude to their work as they show they care for their 'neighbours'. He informed those present about the work of CBM in NZ and overseas. As well as their children's camps they run training programs for children's workers and are giving Christian teaching in many State schools throughout NZ. CBM enjoyed the way MMM stops for morning tea; they found it was time to talk about what's on your mind, time to chill, including Bible reading and prayer time. CBM has now adopted this practise. Mike reminded us that we are not CBM or MMM but working for God.

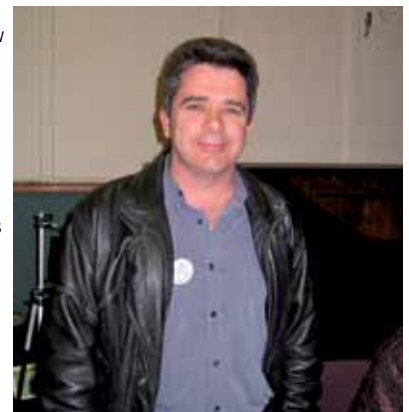
Bruce Alchin told about all the overseas projects MMM has just waiting for volunteers, David covered the many opportunities anyone can have to serve through MMM and Jenny Halse told of the prayer ministry side of MMM.

MMM's Chaplain, John Langhorn rounded the evening off with a word of encouragement to people to get involved and then closed in prayer. It was a great evening!



**Above: Bruce Alchin**

**Below: Mike Buckley, CBM**



# Work Reports

## New Zealand

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



### North Island:

Finlay Park Camp has well established buildings set in spacious grounds on the edge of Lake Karapiro in the Waikato. It has plenty of shady trees and many beautiful views. The camp began in 1946 and has since grown considerably and now needs a larger ablution block. In late June, David and Rod worked with the Finlay Park Camp staff to prepare and lay a large concrete floor. A tarpaulin was erected over the site to enable work to continue during wet weather. See pictures above and below



Craig and Josie Barrow live near Finlay Park Camp and their lounge/dining area needed some TLC after walls had cracked when their house was relocated to its present site a number of years ago. Craig is the Principal of Pathways Bible College. So David, Ian and Rod were able to slip away from the camp job for a couple of days and with the help of Roland Richards and Maurice Turner, installed new gib and insulation for the Barrows.



**Glenys and Gordon Harkness, Ian Cross, Maurice Turner, Rod Heape and David Halse - morning tea time at Tandem Ministries.**

For many years Ron and Aggie Russell delivered Bibles and Christian literature to outlying Pacific Islands from the Dayspring yachts. The ministry was supported by the Bible Society, Brethren Assemblies in Auckland and various churches and individuals from around the Pacific. Over the years hundreds of lives were touched by God through the Russells' visits. They are now "retired" and living in Half Moon Bay, Auckland. In early July Maurice again joined the team to help repair the porch and paint the ceilings of Ron and Aggies' home.



The next project for July/August involved major alterations to the Auckland offices of Tandem Ministries, see pictures above and below. Gordon and Glenys Harkness from Thames joined the Work Team for this project. Old carpet was torn up and the kitchen and work benches were all replaced. Tandem Ministries (the new name for the NZ Ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ) is an interdenominational Christian ministry that seeks to help people reach their world with the good news of Jesus. They work with; students, athletes, families, professionals and 'neighbours', see the article on page 6.



Allen and Charlotte Teal work as 'Teal Care' offering Member Care Services to: missionaries, churches and mission agencies. They have previously been missionaries with World Outreach. They are very busy people and haven't had time to do the maintenance needed on their house so MMM stepped in. The Work Team painted the interior and exterior doors and woodwork.

David Halse was unavailable for projects for most of August as he struggled to get over a severe chest infection. Ian and Rod continued on and with the help of Bill Todd they renewed a shower unit for the Pema family in Hamilton. Chunillal Pema is the NZ Director of One Mission Society.

Sonshine Ranch at Papakura has been continuing to work on their new building since MMM worked there last year. Progress has been slow so Rod, Ian and then later David, went and gave a hand to help line, plaster and paint the interior walls and ceilings. Thanks to MMM Associates Fraser Barrett and Rose-Mary Hunt for helping with this project.

*David and Jenny Halse*



**Above: Sonshine Ranch foundations - 2010**  
**Below: Sonshine Ranch now - almost finished**



**Above: Rod Heape painting the Teals' kitchen**  
**Below: Fraser Barrett at Sonshine Ranch**



**South Island:**

During July David Kennedy, Clive Dennis, Stan Schroder and Neville Stewart joined with Habitat for Humanity to help repair two houses in Christchurch, one of which involved replacing the outside walls where the double brick walls had collapsed in the Christchurch earthquakes.

August saw a team of MMM Associates come together at the Bridge Valley Adventure Centre at Wakefield in the Nelson District. The team of Stan and Gail Schroder, David and Joy Kennedy and Brian and Celia Scholl spent 2½ weeks working with Brian Glass and the camp staff. After erecting scaffolding they removed the exterior plywood from one wall of the Climbing Tower, rebuilding the framework, fitting new plywood and painting the new wall, see front cover. The remainder of the tower was then water blasted and painted as well as relining some of the internal tunnels in the Tower.



They then moved to the High Ropes Adventure Area of the camp, where after erecting the scaffolding several new platforms were built in the trees to enable extensions to be made to some of the activities.

Joy & David Kennedy



**God is always seeking to develop us as his children.** He will stretch us, test us, encourage us and challenge our faith so that we can stand stronger and taller for him. This project to Kazakhstan did just that.

When entering Kazakhstan you need to receive a Letter of Invitation (Lol) from the Foreign Affairs Office so that you can apply for your visa. Having applied for our Lol we waited.

We had applied for our Lol in plenty of time we thought. The three people on overseas passports received their Lol but the local Hong Kong team members didn't. We were praying for the Lol to arrive because time was running out for the visa application and if the Lol didn't arrive by Tuesday, then we would have been forced to pay extra money to change the team's air tickets. My reading for Tuesday morning was "Have faith in God ... whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours" Mark 11:22 and 24. That day the Lol arrived and the visas were obtained. What a wonderful answer to prayer.

The opportunities to trust in God continued as we encountered transport hold ups, delayed flights, incorrect names on boarding passes and customs security questioning why we needed to bring ten battery packs into Kazakhstan (for the battery drills of course). Sometimes it seemed we weren't meant to make it.

Even in the challenges of cross cultural team dynamics and different ways of seeing things tested us as to our dependence on Him.

**Below: New Zealander, Harry Joe who is working full-time with MMM HK**



While there were challenges in the supply of some materials we were never held up in the task we set out to do. In all we made 61 items; lockers, shelving units, cupboards and a reception counter. As we worked together with the local staff I was amazed again at the common bond we can share even though we may not be able to speak each other's language.

The organisation which we served is having a great impact on the lives of the next



### **Tien Shan International School, Kazakhstan**

generation, instilling values and a worldview which will see many of the students have a big impact in communities, cities, countries and governments in the years to come. It was amazing to hear just how God has provided in miraculous ways the new property and finance for the organisation to build their new building. It was another example of what I believed we were all learning "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noon day sun." Psalm 37:5-6.

*Howard Robinson, MMM Hong Kong*

## **Situations Vacant**

**Are you passionate about serving God?**

**Are you passionate about construction work?**

**Are you passionate about building God's Kingdom?**

## **Director**

**The Director of MMM NZ is responsible for leadership of the team. They require administration and financial management skills, strategic planning, and some understanding of the building industry. The suitable person also needs to have good communication skills. Housing located at the MMM Centre may be available for use by the Director.**

## **Project Co-ordinators**

**for MMM Fiji**

**Both the above roles may suit a couple where the spouse also has experience in administration work. MMM has a 2bdr unit at Sabeto Camp near Nadi. The Project Co-ordinators work with short term work teams from NZ as well as working with locals on various projects.**

## **Builders, Joiners, Electricians etc**

**An ability to lead teams is an advantage. All the above are "faith support" roles and the applicant would need to show a clear calling to these positions. The commendation of their church would also be a requirement.**

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# Tandem Ministries

Tandem Ministries (the new name for the NZ Ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ) is an interdenominational Christian ministry that seeks to help people reach their world with the good news of Jesus.

In 1951 one couple, Bill and Vonette Bright, stepped out in faith to begin Campus Crusade for Christ at UCLA in Los Angeles. In their first year over 250 students came to know Christ and the movement began. Their rallying cry was 'reach the campus today, win the world tomorrow'. They recognised that university students were the future influencers of society. As this student movement grew, it rapidly spread to other campuses and to many other sectors of society. Today Campus Crusade for Christ International (CCC) has ministries in over 190 countries.



**StudentLife** is a university based ministry, helping students on the journey towards knowing Christ and making him known.

Today the work of Tandem Ministries is not only working with students on university campuses but has branched out further:

**Priority Associates** exists to support young Christian professionals in the workplace. Their mission is to transform New Zealand by proclaiming Christ through the development of spiritual leaders in the workplace".



**Athletes in Action** - Millions of people worship regularly in the arenas and stadiums of their choice putting athletes on pedestals and paying tribute. Their heart for Athletes in Action New Zealand, is to share with athletes that there is more to life. They share with them the hope and purpose that comes with having a relationship with God. During the time of the World Cup games in NZ, Timo Tagaloa, a former rugby player for Manu Samoa from the 1991 Rugby World Cup will be available to run games at Family Fun Days, speak at events and run rugby clinics with other prominent rugby players. Timo and others will be sharing their life stories including being a Christian and playing rugby. They will also pass on rugby skills they have learnt from some of the best coaches in the world! Here is a great opportunity for churches and community groups to mix with these quality rugby players who love Jesus and want to use their talents to build into the community and bring this major event to their neighbourhood.

**FamilyLife** is committed to helping couples to improve their relationships and build strong families by equipping, encouraging and motivating couples with the principles and skills for making a marriage last the distance.

**Love Your Neighbour** - Imagine if every community across New Zealand was befriended by a local church and was being blessed through a simple strategy of 'Prayer Care Share'! This is the vision of 'Love Your Neighbour'.

Recently MMM had the privilege of altering the Auckland offices of Tandem Ministries. The Work Team demolished partitions, pulled up the old carpet, put up new framing for office partitions, relined some of the walls, moved a few doors, installed a new kitchen and office work benches, then painted and tiled some

## Simple Strategy

To come alongside people to help them  
**Win** others to Christ  
**Build** them in their faith and  
**Send** them to reach their world.

Tandem has ministries and partnerships that are helping **students** reach their classmates, **professionals** reach their colleagues, **athletes** reach other sportspeople, couples reach other **families** and churches reach other **neighbourhoods**.

areas to finish it all off. It was great to hear the stories from the staff while working there, although many of the Tandem staff had had to move out while the alterations were made. This has enabled more staff to be accommodated in their head office in Auckland.

MMM has worked there on three or four occasions



previously creating extra work space and painting the downstairs area.



Most Tandem staff members are "living by faith" (non salaried) and MMM has assisted several families (eg Timo and Frances Tangioa pictured above) with alterations and maintenance to their homes over the last 10 years. Below: Painting the Georgious' home.



# Upcoming Projects in NZ

ORGANISATION	LOCATION	DATES	PROJECT
<b>North Island</b>			
Rotorua Elim Church	1147 Eruera Street, Rotorua	5 > 23 September	Altering a commercial building for church use
Kaitaia Baptist Church	81 Matthews Avenue, Kaitaia	September/October	Refurbishment of manse, painting etc
Te Whanau Putahi	37 Oxford Street, Hamilton	October	Develop church childcare facility and kitchen
Dave White	3 Oak View Place, Newstead, Hamilton	October/November	Alterations and extensions to Youth for Christ worker's home
Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship/Scripture Union	9A Oxford Terrace, Wellington	November/December	Renovations to toilet/shower area
Drury Church	13 Sutton Road, Drury, Auckland	Late 2011/early 2012	Build lobby/entrance between two relocated houses, also ramps and steps
Whitianga Baptist Church	112 Cook Drive, Whitianga	Date to be confirmed	Repair and paint church roof
<b>South Island</b>			
Camp Columba	89A Kaiwera Road, Pukerau, Gore	September	Upgrade existing camp buildings
Camp Iona	35 Tullymett Road, Herbert, North Otago	September/October	Construction, painting and fencing
En Hakkore	207 Orangapai Road, Ranfurly	October	Renovations to Christian Retreat Centre

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

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# Upcoming Projects Overseas



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

**Lami Gospel Community Church** - The roof is on, some walls are up and the floor has been poured, still more finishing work to be done

**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

**Fiji Bible College, Lautoka** - block work for new office

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

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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

**Please register your interest with MMM Hong Kong before you buy your tickets!**

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MMM NZ can assist with flight bookings

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

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