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Letter from the Director

One certainty these days, in fact at any time is – change! We experience many seasons in our lives, this is particularly so with those serving with MMM and it is with both joy we welcome and with sadness farewell MMM'ers.

As reported last issue, Andrew, Tracy Frazier and family from the USA have arrived and are settling into MMM life and adjusting to the changes from living in Singapore where they served previously. God has been very gracious in providing a Motorhome for their use and they are becoming acquainted with the mobile lifestyle. We look forward to their involvement with us over the next two years.

Ernie and Michelle Pene have become aware that after almost 3 years of living the mobile lifestyle, their families' needs were changing and the time has now come for them to settle back into a 'normal' home and church. You can read more of their recent experiences on page 5. We've been privileged to have had them as part of the team and to benefit from Ernie's building expertise. Ernie's desire is to continue to be available for projects in the future as he is able.

The Mitchell family has also come to the stage where they too are planning on returning to their home in Waimate as their girls (and Alan and Rosina) need the friendship and fellowship of a home church. They have been on the road with MMM for around 6 years – 4 of these as full time staff. We are equally privileged to have had the tireless commitment from this great family, but again changes are coming. Alan also intends to continue to be involved as an Associate too.

We are continually grateful to God as He brings workers into the MMM fold, we have been tremendously encouraged by the number of Associates who have joined MMM over the past few months, these folk will ensure the workforce of MMM does not diminish.

Thank you for your continued partnership, God has truly blessed us in many areas, including financially. The new staff house which was built for MMM staff last year, is almost completely paid off, only a few thousand dollars are needed to completely meet the \$90,000.00 cost. We are indeed blest!

Blessings,
Bruce Alchin
Director



Prayer Fellowships

When we work, we work

When we pray - God works!

MMM would like to acknowledge those people who come together each month to pray for the work and workers of MMM. This is a great encouragement to everyone at MMM.

There are 8 groups meeting throughout the country; Te Puke, Orewa, Matamata, Tauranga, Hamilton, Rangiora, Oamaru, New Plymouth and the most recent in Rotorua. MMM is very grateful to those people who come together and pray so faithfully each month. Many of the groups have a 'shared meal' first and then after hearing the latest news about MMM people and projects, they pray.

Bruce Alchin, MMM NZ Director attended the first MMM Prayer Fellowship in Rotorua last month and while he was there he presented

Jim and Maureen Peden with their Associate badges.

You're invited to attend this group which will be held at the home of Graeme and Dorothy Buchanan, 14 Robinson Ave., Holdens Bay, Rotorua on the first Wednesday of each month, starting at 7pm and finishing with supper. Next meeting Wednesday 2nd December.



Garage Sale

At least \$3000-00 was raised at the MMM Garage Sale with more to come..

Many thanks to everyone who donated goods for the Garage Sale held on 26th September at the MMM Centre, Pirongia. Also a big thank you to those who came in the days before to help set up and those who helped on the day. The day went well despite a few showers of rain. Many, many books were sold. Books and small articles were sold from the MMM dining room, clothing and haberdashery from the meeting room, small electrical items were for sale in the two garages and the big furniture was outside. Over \$3,000-00 was raised with still more yet to come in from Trade-Me sales.

As always the Garage Sale is held on the same day as the Pirongia Craft Fair and MMM is one of those organisations which provides parking for the 20,000 or so visitors.

With a huge new sign on the fence and balloons at the gates MMM managed to attract plenty of customers. \$662-00 was raised from parking. It took a team of four or five people to direct cars to park into every possible nook and cranny around the Centre. As soon as cars left another drove in to fill the gap. It was estimated that at least 400 cars used the MMM Centre for parking. Many of these people also checked out the Garage Sale.



Tauranga Dinner

Almost 100 people attended the MMM dinner at LifeZone, Tauranga on 10th October.

Peter Gerritsen from Titoki Christian Healing Centre spoke of their appreciation for the work MMM has done at their centre in Whakatane. Doug and Ruth Carson shared about their experience of going with an MMM Work Team to Lami, Fiji. Maurice Turner told about the projects which he has been helping on this year.

Bruce Alchin, MMM NZ Director presented Maurice and his wife Ruth and Robert and Stephanie Ray with their Associate badges.

MMM was very grateful to the people from Lifezone Church for all their help in preparing the meal and organising the sound system etc.



Work Reports

North Island

David Halse, team leader, Ian Cross, Rod Heape



A lot of work was accomplished during September at CBM's (Children's Bible Ministries) camp at Raglan. The work team: David Halse, Rod Heape and Ian Cross and MMM Associates Fraser Barrett, Rose-Mary Hunt, Jim Peden, John Baty, Robert and Stephanie Ray installed a new shower, relined other showers, painted the toilet block, built a porch screen, burnt off paint and repainted one wall of the girls' dormitory and made other minor maintenance repairs. As you can see in the photo above, Stephanie and Robert were enjoying the marvellous view as they worked.



Next came a project for the Birkenhead Community Church at the Rawene Centre, Birkenhead, Auckland. The work team this time consisted of: David, Rod, Ernie, Rose-Mary Hunt, Robert and Stephanie Ray and Berry Knuffers. They built a large deck and steps and installed fire exit doors. Also a 6 x 4 metre section of wall was removed to enable contractors to install aluminium doors the following day. For security that night Ernie and Berry 'slept on the job'. Rose-Mary and Stephanie helped with setting up Christmas trees for the Rawene Centre's 'Christmas Wonderland'. 150 trees!

Why are we always surprised at God's perfect timing? A Christian businessman had no further use for a large number of new doors, so these were passed on to MMM. Ten of the doors were able to be used at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Katikati. David, Ernie, Joe Knudsen and Maurice Turner helped build a new lounge, the third stage of a planned four stage new



building complex for the church. They put in insulation, lining, doors and finishings. Arnold Winterburn and Barry and Jenny Utting assisted with exterior painting.

John Baty, Fraser Barrett, Robert and Stephanie Ray and Haapi Wilson painted the living room and kitchen of Barbara Stone's house at Mercy Mission, Drury, Auckland in October. This finished the project begun by Bill and Pam Todd before they went to Fiji with MMM.



The weather in Wellington was cold and wet for the team when they painted Ossie and Jenny Fountain's house in Tawa, Wellington. David was assisted by Robert and Stephanie Ray the first week, plus local helpers. Rod Heape (pictured above) and Rose-Mary Hunt joined him the second week for a couple of days and even Jenny Halse managed one day on the job, see front cover.

After a quick stop-over at home in Pirongia the team travelled to Auckland on the 3rd of November, to the Mt Wellington Community Church. This church is situated on a busy corner of an eight lane road. MMM assisted the church by painting the exterior of the church and the kitchen.

David and Jenny Halse.



South Island

Alan and Rosina Mitchell

We went to En Hakkore, a retreat centre in Ranfurly for a week early in October. Stan Zwies, Dave Kennedy, Lindsay Canning and Peter Fitzgerald came to help. The job was removing windows, putting insulation in the walls, taking a chimney out, putting in new wardrobes and fitting a new kitchen. This brought one of the houses up to a better standard for guests and long term stayers to live in. There are 10 houses there and this was one of the worst houses needing attention. Peter Fitzgerald did electrical work enabling all the houses to be put onto one electricity account as at the moment they have to pay separate bills for each house.

A project at Camp Iona, Oamaru was completed in late October. There was lots of painting work to be done there, so it took two weeks. Helpers were: Stan Zwies, Clive and Esther Dennis, Bart and Muriel Gilmore, Dave and Joy Kennedy. They painted the outside of the main hall, and barge boards of the activity room, library, garage, and one set of bunk rooms.

This concludes almost 4 years of our full time work with MMM. We are enjoying being home and the girls (Virginia, Erin and Josie) are busy reacquainting themselves with friends and enjoying activities like swimming club and piano lessons. We plan on having a year off from MMM as we get involved with our local church activities like helping run the youth group and worship leading.

Rosina Mitchell.



North and South

Ernie and Michelle Pene

Tasman Bay Christian School

From one end of the country to the other! Having left the Mitchells and the Gilmores in Gore at the end of July, we spent several days travelling all the way to Tasman, near Nelson. Stan and Gail Schroder joined us for the project, which was to assist in the building of a new classroom/library block at Tasman Bay Christian School. The school originated over twenty years ago in a skyline garage behind the Tasman Bible Church. The roll is now approaching one hundred students aged from five to thirteen, with the current buildings bursting at the seams.

There was a lovely atmosphere at the school and the men enjoyed great fellowship with the building contractors on site. Our children were able to join in some aspects of the school and even met some people we knew from Hamilton!

YWAM Matamata

It was our pleasure to introduce the Frazier family from America to our "YWAM family" at Crystal Springs, Matamata. As always we received such a warm welcome and enjoyed wonderful hospitality whilst we were there. Associates Fraser Barrett and Maurice Turner were a great help with a variety of tasks. A lean-to was constructed on the administration block, and shelving and even a mini kitchen installed into accommodation units.

Meanwhile Tracey, Ethan and Faith Frazier started to come to terms with home schooling, Andrew got used to driving on the "wrong" side of the road and all of them got totally confused with our Kiwi lingo!

Michelle Pene



Andrew Frazier and Ernie Pene at Matamata



Tasman Bay Christian School

Some more of Daniel Pene's travels

Over the last three years we have travelled from Cape Reinga to the Bluff. My favourite places have definitely been YWAM bases. They are cool because of the students who can come from anywhere in the world and because of the things that they do. The YWAM base in Oxford in the South Island was my favourite. The students were awesome and they were always doing something which was fun. They would even let me help set things up for team tournaments. I couldn't join in on those because they were for the outreach teams, but it was still fun to watch. When the students were busy, I would find my friend Jordan and play on the trampoline all day. Jordan is my best friend. I met him at the Oxford YWAM base. His family, the Laird family, was a great family to be around with. They are from Texas, and really like it here in New Zealand. The weekend before we left, they took me to Mt Hutt to learn how to snowboard.

While we were at Oxford, I had the chance to learn a bit of piano. There was a 23 year old guy who taught me to play by chords and by ear. Another guy let me go for a run with him every morning at 6.00am. I enjoyed that. The students would often play volleyball and they would always let me join in. On Sundays at 2.00pm we would play Ultimate Frisbee.

I had a lot of fun at the YWAM base at Oxford and I hope to get the chance to go there again, as soon as possible.

Daniel Pene 14yrs old pictured far right.

The Pene family has resigned from 'full-time' service with MMM and will continue as Associates, Ernie will work on projects when he is available. They are living near Hamilton.

What's happening in Zambia?

PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE

As well as assisting with projects in Zambia, MMM runs the VTC (Vocational Training Centre). This year they have followed the theme "Passion for Excellence". The theme has been used to encourage students not to settle for 'it is good enough' but to aim for the best in all things. This year's graduation ceremony on 28th November marked 10 years of VTC's existence. 77 students graduated from the following courses:

- 8 Carpentry and Joinery
- 7 Cutting and Tailoring
- 29 Construction Management
- 5 Bricklaying
- 18 Kafubu Block Centre
- 10 George Centre



TOO YOUNG TO STAY AT HOME

Felix Botha, 65 years old, refused to put his feet up. The initial application for construction management was meant for his youngest daughter; however as a former accounts clerk and administrator for a driving school, Felix took up the challenge after his daughter pulled out. Felix has been an exceptionally good student and an encouragement to both staff and students. When interviewed Felix said: "I have got more than construction skills, there is a spiritual impact on my life and I will graduate to run my own business". 'Never too old to give it a try.'



NEW DOORS OPEN

The official opening of (Women In Need) WIN Kafubu Block Centre, took place on the 21st July 2009. The dream of empowering women with survival skills was realised. This was indeed a jubilant occasion.

It was great to have three different Work Teams from Australia participate in the finishing of the centre and witness the official opening of a new outreach centre. The teams participation was received with great honour from both MMM Zambia and members of the community.

The students expressed their appreciation to MMM VTC for having considered offering them an opportunity to learn some survival life skills. They also acknowledged the sharing of God's word as a spiritual benefit. Students have been motivated and encouraged as a result of having the needed facility and equipment in place. The recent graduation sent off 18 graduates with a sense of purpose and a hope for the future in a country with very high unemployment.

PARTNERS IN ACTION 2009

It was a wonderful privilege to host five MAT (Mission Awareness Tour) teams from Australia and to send a team from Zambia to Hong Kong and China this year. The impact and aftermath effect of these teams has been a lasting blessing on God's people and Kingdom.

The first team from Romaine Park Christian Centre, Tasmania, to arrive this year had child carers and physio therapists who were predominantly involved in community work. They helped at St Anthony's Home, a care centre for over one hundred children, most of whom are HIV positive or physically or intellectually challenged. The team also helped with some practical work around the MMM Centre. They transformed the MAT/Project offices with their painting skills. This was truly a team with a passion.

Challenged by their experience two years ago, a team from Tamworth returned to work on another project. Being led by General David Burley, the men worked tirelessly to finish the roof of the MMM staff house at Lubuto Centre whilst the women taught life skills to the local ladies in the WIN program. MMM greatly appreciated their exceptional skills and commitment to the work of MMM Zambia. This time, the team made lots of sacrifices and gave spiritual, material and financial support to the mission. Their passion for quality and excellence will be emulated.

Mid year a team of 17 people, builders and handymen and women came from the Devonport Baptist Church in Tasmania. Their primary focus was to build the Lubuto centre as well as sinking a water bore hole. The team also made a huge donation towards funding the foundations of the building. The team was warmly welcomed with a big challenge on their first day... They unloaded 600 (50Kg) bags of cement from the delivery truck. The Australians were covered in cement dust and wondered if they had made the right decision in coming to Zambia after that!

The second team from Romaine Park Christian Centre consisted of seven people with both technical and practical skills. The team tirelessly worked on transforming

a shipping container into an office, setting up the Internet kiosk at the MMM Centre and distributing computers to a local school. The team also brought hospital equipment which they donated to the main hospital in Ndola. This equipment was as a result of a promise made two years ago. The hospital director commented: "We've had several teams visit the hospital from various organisations that make promises to donate hospital equipment but never fulfil them. This however, is the first time I've seen a team fulfil their commitment made two years ago". This event was reported in the Zambian national newspaper.

2010 Extending the Footprints

God has been faithful to MMM Zambia and they have seen amazing growth. The MMM VTC has celebrated 10 years of empowering people and extending the work to two other centres. These will be officially established in 2010 with Miss Jane Banda running the George Centre and Mrs Grace Mubanga the Kafubu Centre. These will then be run full-time with courses for both men and women.

Pictured below: WIN Student ladies sitting on a log to have their sewing classes as they could not wait until the building was ready for them.





Bill & Pam Jodd



the assistance of a keen local contingent, concreted in the huge poles. He also taught a couple of the young men to lay blocks, and they have now finished the block foundations. Many truckloads of fill have been brought in to bring it up to floor level. In early November we travelled to Lami again and trimmed the poles to the right height for

rather than away from it!

We worked on the home of Rakesh and Rachel Chand who are involved with Marine Reach, making hurricane shutters for their windows. I do not have an "after" photo as we were invariably "side-tracked" during this project – once with the Tsunami warning, when we all had to make for higher ground, and the second time due to a water shortage, when I drove back to Sabeto with Rachel to find buckets and give them fresh water.

We have spent the last two weeks here at the Sabeto camp continuing on with the toilet block project which was started some time ago. With the assistance of 4 local lads we now have the new roof on and the old roof pitched to meet it. Peter Scott and his team arrived in early November and spent a day working on the interior block partitions, before heading off to Coral Coast Christian Camp to assist Paul to complete the project there before the Grand-Opening/Thanksgiving on 19th December and in time for the Christian Campers International conference to be held there around the 14th December. *Pam Todd.*

The last couple of months have been extremely busy for us, as we become more well known and re-establish an MMM presence in Fiji.

In August we continued on from where the Te Awamutu Bible Chapel team left off, at Lami Gospel. Bill – with

the roof structure, which will be the next phase of the Lami Project.

We have been able to do quite a bit of maintenance around the MMM unit, including repairs to the spouting, and internal guttering between the unit and the tool store. The tool room is a "work-in-progress" as Bill makes shelves and arranges it so he can find things easily.

During September and October Bill worked with Joe Kanacaqi, and his two adult sons, to build a two bedroom extension to their home. Joe and his wife Satya were the original managers of the Sabeto camp and retired approx 5 years ago after 20 years of service in the camp. Photos show before at left and nearly finished at right.

We also made a couple of trips to Coral Coast Christian Camp to assist Paul and Jo-Anne Richards with the accommodation/conference block, working with Paul and the local crew to place the steel rafters and purlins, ready for the roof. See picture top left.

We assisted Owen and Di Tod from Wings of the Morning Ministries to box and pour new concrete in their front entry porch, as the old concrete was uneven and dangerous and tended to channel the water into the house,



MMM Hong Kong Projects 2010

Chikan Church - China:

This Registered Church is in need of support. Maintenance needs to be done to remedy some leaking issues which has caused damage to the building.

We need plasterers and handymen in fact any one who can hold a paint brush.

Date: 3 weeks in March 2010. Exact date to be confirmed

Sanming Children's Village - China:

This children's home is run by the Gratia Foundation of Hong Kong. MMM HK has done several projects there since it began in 2005. They are seeking to paint the exterior and interior of the Dining room building and the interior of the dormitory and classroom block. They are preparing to celebrate their 5th Anniversary. If you enjoy seeing a building transformed, come and join us.

Dates: 3 weeks in July 2010. Exact dates to be confirmed

MMM Hong Kong not only has projects planned for China. Our team are hard at work in Hong Kong when they are not in China. You can join us any time for any amount of time. So fit us into your travel plans and experience Asia's world city- Hong Kong.

Visit our website www.mmm.org.hk

Article contributed by Howard Robinson, Director MMM Hong Kong

SITUATIONS VACANT

MMM New Zealand is seeking a suitably skilled person to take up the role of Director for NZ.

This is a "faith support" ministry role and the applicant would need to show a clear calling to this position. The commendation of their church would also be a requirement.

All enquiries should be directed to the MMM Board Chairman, Cameron Bennett, c/- MMM New Zealand, 1 Kane St, Pirongia 3802, or phone 07 829 4877 or 0274 810 877.

Upcoming Projects

ORGANISATION	LOCATION	DATES	PROJECT
North Island			
Cornerstone Baptist Church	5 Omata Road, Westtown, New Plymouth	18 > 29 January	Painting exterior of church manse
Scripture Union Camp	Ponui Island - another chance for an overseas trip without leaving the country - good fishing too!	2 > 12 February	Alterations to dining/meeting hall
Graeme & Sharon Walls	20A Oakdale Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland	February	Convert garage to living room
Putaruru Gospel Chapel	84 Kensington Street, Putaruru	February	Paint church roof
Lew & Angela Meyer	15 Glucina Place, Glen Eden, Auckland	Date yet to be set	House extension for OAC workers
South Island			
Tairei Christian School	80 Gordon Road, Mosgiel, Dunedin	Date yet to be set	External & internal painting of Christian pre-school

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

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

Upcoming Overseas Projects



Lami Gospel Assembly, Fiji

Helpers needed to continue the construction of a new church building
Cost approx \$1200.00 - \$1500.00 for 2 weeks

HIS International Ministries, Lautoka, Fiji

Build multi purpose facility for Bible School and camps and build classrooms for primary school
Cost approx \$1200.00 - \$1500.00 for 2 weeks

YWAM, (Youth with a Mission) Rarotonga, Cook Islands

Help complete construction of buildings used for training
Cost approx \$1500-00 for 2 weeks



MMM can arrange for **you, your church group or your youth group** to go on a short term overseas mission trip in 2010.

MMM can work in with your dates and availability.



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