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Front Cover: Marty McKone enjoying his  
work, waterblasting at Highland Home,  
Pohangina Valley

## LETTER FROM THE

*Director* June 2023



We are quickly moving through the year and our two MMM Interns have finished their first block with their builders and are having their first study week that involves both bible study in the morning and their building apprenticeship study in the afternoon.

The idea of the MoMentuM Internship is that not only are the interns working towards a formal trade qualification, but that MMM has input into their lives as young people, to encourage Christian character and a love for the Word of God to base their lives on.

We talked about the value of listening, understanding different personalities and conflict. We encouraged a desire to live their lives in a way that brings glory to God in every aspect, big or small. It is wonderful to see young people that are keeping their perspectives and values orientated to giving glory to God, with a desire to learn from the Word of God

Doug Search began teaching 'Christian Living' from the book of Titus. For the first session he had a 'get to know' session where they discussed their position in their own families, their hobbies and their passion. Then he talked about Jesus family, and what was his passion? Glorifying the Father. "Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work." John 4:34

In all aspects of life this should be our desire 'So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God' 1 Cor 10:31. The Christian life is so much more than just this life. Lets aim for the right things.

For the builders out there, we are looking for more builders to be involved in our MoMentuM Internship Programme. If you would be keen to take on an apprentice and invest in a young person, we would love to hear from you!

As you read through the magazine you will see that my role of Director and the Office Administrator role is being advertised. The MMM Board is looking for someone who desires to glorify God through the leading of the ministry of MMM. It is exciting to see the things that are happening through such a wonderful bunch of humble, servant hearted people. Come and be a part of it!

*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

# Overseas Projects

## TONGA TEAM

Rebuilding a home for a long serving missionary following a Tsunami in Tonga.

The Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai volcano erupted on the 21 January 2022 causing widespread damage across Tonga, with ash and tsunami damage to Nukualofa, Tongatapu. The house Theresa Lourente (Director, CEF Tonga Child Evangelism Fellowship) lived in was hit by the tsunami, causing considerable damage by the force of the water that flooded her house.

In conjunction with Christian Community Churches of New Zealand (GC3), Tongan Gospel Fellowship, MMM New Zealand and Child Evangelism Fellowship of New Zealand, a plan was made to build Theresa a new house.

The foundations, floor and blockwork was completed by local builders. In December 2022 a container was purchased in New Zealand and loaded with essential building materials, plus some furniture and household goods. Once it arrived in Tonga, with help from local church members, a considerable amount of it was unpacked a few days before the team arrived in March.

We saw the Lord's provision and mercy as, at that stage, the Tongan government required all non Tongans entering the country to be vaccinated, and there were a number on the team who would not have been able to enter Tonga. After much prayer and approaches to the government agencies there, permission was given for them to enter Tonga so we had our full complement of team members.

In March, 13 Kiwis, mostly from the Waikato region and two from Auckland, landed in Tonga to continue on with the build.

With the arrival of the team it was full on. In Week One the roof was on, and painting and electrical work was on the go.

Week Two saw the windows, doors, interior linings, painting, plumbing, electrical wiring, tiling, etc. get done.

Colleen and Graeme McNae, who had been missionaries in Tonga, for a number of years came on the team and we were blessed by their service in cooking for the team, driving the team and for Graeme translating in the church services and studies.

On the 31 March, Theresa's new home, which is located on land owned by the Tonga Gospel Fellowship, was dedicated and blessed.

Also, on behalf of the team, I would like to say thank you to the eldership and members of the Tongan Gospel Fellowship for their warm welcome and blessings given to us, for the hard work they put in organising the accommodation in the church hall, and thanks to all the team who worked hard, and saw the results of their work.

Our thanks to Theresa and all who support her in her work there, for the meals and fellowship we enjoyed.

In Christ,  
Alan Pfeiffer  
Team leader and CEF of NZ representative



*Don't put the caravan away now  
summers over.  
Join an MMM project!*

### Come volunteer with MMM!

Many of our volunteers use their caravan or camper as accommodation at projects. They enjoy serving together, warm camaraderie, learning about the ministry they are serving, having meals together, praying together and warm fellowship.

If you haven't experienced serving on an MMM project, perhaps it's time you did!



# Conference



## MMM Conference 2023 Woodend, Christchurch



Why have an MMM conference? What would MMM do at a conference? Is an MMM conference like a trade show where we swap building advice and argue over the best brand of power tool?



Great questions! MMM has a conference because we are more than a building company. The ministry of MMM is four fold: MMM is a practical ministry, a people ministry, a spiritual ministry and an international ministry. Our conferences give us the opportunity to gather together and enjoy the people, the spiritual and (thru video this year) the international side of our ministry – an opportunity to learn together and fellowship.

This year's conference was held at Woodend Christian Camp, north of Christchurch. We gathered together on the Friday night and enjoyed wonderful food and fellowship with team members we don't see so often. There was laughter as a fun mixer game kicked us off and helped us get to know one another better.

On Saturday and Sunday we were blessed by the teaching of Michael Thomas, Director of Celebrate Messiah, a ministry MMM has served many times. Michael picked up on the theme of the conference which was, "Transform together" He spoke on the Kingdom of God, sharing that the design of the entire kingdom of God is of each one of us in relationship with God, and also being in relationship with one another - this is what we are called to do. Michael's messages encouraged us to remember that God's Kingdom is not a matter of power, position and authority but of love. We should seek to live in unity because we are made in God's image and God is one – not as a hierarchy. Jesus could say, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father, because the Father and I are one."



On Saturday, there were electives where Michael shared about Israel, Eric Bird spoke on "Understanding building code compliance", and Ave Robinson ran a book review on "Braveheart" by Sharon A Hersh.

In the evening we had an MMM Quiz where we learnt how much we knew or perhaps how much we didn't know as the case may be. The competitive spirit came out in us all, as did a lot of laughter, as we answered questions on a variety of topics, made and threw paper darts and built the highest tower out of popsicle sticks and blu-tack!



Conference was a blessing, as we gathered and enjoyed fellowship and friendship, proving that being "More than a building" brings so much more to all of us. - Ave Robinson

## NEW ASSOCIATES

MMM Associates are willing volunteers who faithfully give time to MMM. We honour that by inviting them to become MMM Associates. At conference, it was a warm welcome to Elliot Marshall and Willie Van't Wout.



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• Are you a leader seeking a new challenge? Following ten faithful years of serving as the Director of MMM, Howard Robinson is stepping down. This creates a vacancy in the leadership of MMM.

### SITUATIONS VACANT

#### Director

We are seeking a God-desiring, humble, hard working person with excellent interpersonal skill to lead the MMM Team.

This role requires the person to have administration and financial management skills, strategic planning and some understanding of the building industry.

Housing located at the MMM Centre is available for use by the Director.

#### Administration position also available

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## Projects Revisited



2011

2023

Connection is everything in Fiji, relationships are important and it's not what you know but who you know that will help you out in life. In the last few months we were able to reconnect with ministries and projects that MMM has journeyed with in the past.

MMM NZ has worked on a yacht, the 'Seahawk', several times in the past including in Whangarei in 2011. Although the ministry of this vessel has changed over time, God is still using this yacht for His purpose. The 'Seahawk' is now a part of 'Yachts for Life', a ministry of YWAM that seeks to encourage, bless and partner with small communities in outer islands, equip and disciple believers. We spent a couple of weeks repairing floors, fold-out tables, cabinetry and the saloon.

We were then able to return to Tavakubu Community Church, where many MMM teams have worked since 1998, when MMM first started building this church. The church needed some maintenance and it was a great chance to be part of the ongoing story there. It was encouraging to support our main local volunteer Giles Simpson who fellowships there.

We are grateful to have the opportunity to be partnering with these ministries, doing our small bit to serve Christian work and workers in God's global kingdom.  
- Roy and Rachael Hogan

If you are interested in joining an MMM Fiji project, check the MMM Fiji website: [mmmfiiji.org](http://mmmfiiji.org) or email: [office@mmmfiiji.org](mailto:office@mmmfiiji.org)

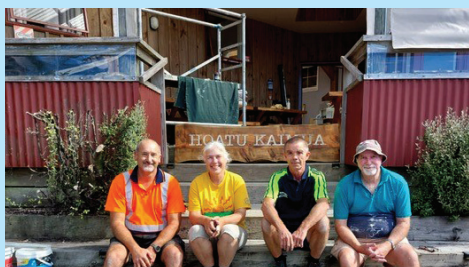


## HOATU-KAIMUA, YWAM, KAIMAI RANGES

*A note from a Project Recipient we served, Jewel-Anita Hendrix*

We were fortunate to have MMM with us for three weeks in March.

It was such a relief and boost to our ministry. Ignite 6:8 is a YWAM ministry that works to help churches and YWAM students and staff be active in the justice and compassion issues in their own community (Micah 6:8). We work with different community organizations which are serving the vulnerable and working in the areas of homelessness, poverty, domestic violence, sexual exploitation, abortion, etc. We train any of the body of Christ in wholistic ministry and transformational development, seeking to empower people to engage effectively with the issues in their own community. We also manage a 38-bed bush lodge in the Kaimai Mamaku forest, Hoatu Kaimua. We run the tourist lodge as "business as missions" to pay the costs



of maintenance, while also having a space for churches and those in ministry to run retreats, workshops and find refreshment and restoration.

MMM came and helped with so many projects that we had. When the team was almost done, one of our regular volunteers said, "It looks like a whole new place." A bit after MMM left, we had a group of young girls who were also with us a year ago. One 12 year old exclaimed, "Yea, it's so much better now. We're not afraid to use the

bathroom anymore."

Lejf's leadership of the team kept the different projects moving smoothly while he also fixed random other things that we had been told could not possibly be fixed. The bathroom refresh was an obvious win. But the team also found solutions that other builders and tradies had no solution for. They built a new laundry area, a mud room, fixed bunks, boxed in places that rodents entered, and so much more.

We appreciated not only the work, but also the daily prayer for our ministry. Their work lifted off a huge weight and brought breakthrough that was clearly physical but also spiritual. We are so grateful to MMM, each member of the team and to God for the time spent with us and the work that was accomplished. *Team Leader - Lejf Pedersen, Robert Atkins, Taylor Firth, Elliot Marshall, Emma and Anita Pedersen, Wayne MacCarthy, Sam Trebilco*





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

# PROJECT REPORTS

## WAIKATO PROJECTS

### WEC, Gordonton



Eastwest College of Intercultural Studies is a department of WEC NZ. MMM was asked to assist with their roofs to keep them in best condition. The MMM team re-screwed a couple of roofs, replacing all the old nails with new screws. The team found it great to spend time with the staff and learn about the ministry. *Team Leader - Leif Pedersen, Wayne MacCarthy, Elliot Marshall, Mike Taylor, Sam Trebilco*

### CYC, Ngaruawahia



The team was tasked with installing new aluminum doors in 17 cabins. It was a bit of a challenge fixing the doors into the original block walls. They also built some "post and rail" fences. *Team Leader - Leif Pedersen, Mike Taylor, Wayne MacCarthy, Caden Van de Lark, Elliot Marshall, Sam Trebilco*

### Te Awamutu Bible Chapel



At TABC, the team painted the exterior of the church house and replaced rotten timber in the veranda. In the hall of the church building, new wall lining was installed then painted. *Pictured - Leif Pedersen, Janferie Dewar, Taylor Firth, Ben Wooding, Robert Atkins, Wayne MacCarthy, Steve McLunnie*

### Bethany Trust, Cambridge



In Cambridge at RSCC, we decorated the interior of a church house and upgraded all the electrics. For Team Leader, Leif Pedersen, working in the house brought back a lot of memories, because it was the first house he and his wife lived in when they got married. Also in Cambridge, at the Baptist Church Leif Pedersen and Wayne MacCarthy replaced the main lights in the hall with new LED lights. *Team Leader - Leif Pedersen, Wayne MacCarthy, Mike Taylor and Sam Trebilco*

## Woodend Christian Camp, Christchurch

An MMM team spent the week before and the week after the MMM conference working on maintenance at the Woodend Christian Camp. They stained the exterior of the Training Centre, painted the decks around the Training Centre and the front of the back cabins. They improved the tyre retention alongside the go-kart track by installing



a retaining wall and assisted with several smaller general maintenance tasks such as painting window sills and cleaning out gutters. *Team Leader - Malcolm McAllister, Martin and Louise Chapman, Pauline Jeffs, Dean Farrow, Howard and Ave Robinson, Gerrard and Femmy Van Leuwen, Willie Van't Wout*

## MOBILE TEAM PROJECTS

### Donald's, North Auckland

The first project for the (Mc)Mobile team this year was in Northcote, Auckland, doing a full bathroom renovation for Jono and Kelsey Donald. The old bathroom was not very functional for their young family and, after the walls had been demolished, it also became clear the issues went deeper with water damage and rot in the walls and floor. Chris and Marty took no time at all in getting stuck into it - replacing the floor and rotten studs and reconfiguring the bathroom for the new shower, double basin and separate toilet room.

Jono is the Director of Athletes in Action- so it was great to be able to learn about this ministry and how it uses sports to grow and encourage Christians and reach out to other students on campus. *Team leader - Chris McLean, Jen McLean, Marty and Robyn McKone*







While waiting for the gibstopper to finish the Donalds' bathroom job, there were a few days in which the mobile team were able to go and bless the Carrolls with a small landscaping job. A small patio that connected two decks had sunk in the middle and had a constant puddle of water in it. The pavers were all pulled up and cleaned by the mobile kids, while Chris and Marty fixed the

## Carroll's, North Auckland



drainage, edging and levelled and compacted a solid platform for the pavers to go back down on. It was wonderful to know that this space, which is often used for hosting Student Life leaders, not only looked better but would be more functional too. *Team leader - Chris McLean, Marty McKone, Hudson and Thea McLean*

## Lui and Ane Ponifasio, South Auckland

It was great to be able to get to meet Lui and Ane Ponifasio and serve them by helping on several jobs on their house. The jobs were largely variable in scope, with plenty to do for a range of volunteers. The projects completed included adjusting and re-roofing an outdoor pergola, helping with the conversion of an old porch to a library (by building up the floor and ceiling and insulating/lining the walls and ceiling) rebuilding a rotten entrance porch and repainting it, forming a laundry area and gibbing



it out and re-doing some cladding on the rear entrance. We appreciated the wonderful Samoan hospitality provided, along with the great morning smoko times where we discussed God's word and prayed together. There was a wonderful feeling of unity on the project and with the church Lui is the pastor of and the church nearby that graciously hosted us. *Team leader - Chris McLean, Jen, Hudson, Thea and Abbey McLean, Kathy, Mindy and*

*Naomi Creak, Malcolm McAlister, Robyn and Marty McKone, Ken Ogden, Howard Robinson*



## Highland Home, Pohangina Valley

The mobile team really enjoyed their time at Highland Home, in Pōhangina Valley near Ashhurst.

The main lodge needed painting and, given it was a rough sawn tongue and groove design with some complicated high surfaces, it wasn't going to be a simple roller job. Despite some volunteers being unable to make it, we were very glad for those who came, and for the spray painter that

saved us a lot of time.

One of the stand out parts of the project was the warm fellowship that was had with the team and our hosts, the camp managers (the Fosters). We were blessed with yummy food, great conversation and lots of fun times as well. *Team leader - Chris McLean, Jen McLean, Naomi Creak, Robyn and Marty McKone, Kathy, Mindy, Chris Pynenburg, Anne*

## Titoki Healing Centre, Whakatane

Rolling through the gates at Titoki Healing Centre you are immediately greeted by a sense of calm and peace. Everything about the extensive grounds with multiple accommodation spaces scattered around it, central chapel and amazing friendly volunteers really invite you to rest and enjoy the beauty of creation around you.

The project the team were tasked with was the renovation of the Murray Cottage, a small one bedroom house, that was to have a full face lift, including interior and exterior paint, new kitchen and new bathroom among other things. One of the jobs on the given list was to paint the roof, but on closer inspection, there were some concerns that the roof was more damaged than initially thought, so a new roof was added to the list of jobs.



During the first three weeks of the project, the team enjoyed the beautiful sunshine of the eastern Bay of Plenty which gave ample time to get the exterior of the house painted. The inside was also getting its makeover too, with many paintbrushes working to freshen up the paint while repairs and preparation were being made for the new bathroom and kitchen to go in. The team were even fortunate enough to have the sewing skills of Anne who worked away at altering curtains for the cottage. While the MMM team were working hard at revitalising Murray Cottage, the volunteers at Titoki were also working hard cooking up beautiful food to fill our bellies and give everyone energy for the work.

The team enjoyed getting to know the many faces that are involved with Titoki: volunteer cooks, groundskeepers, housekeepers, counsellors and leaders who all made the team feel so very welcome.

The MMM conference fell in the middle of the project and, upon returning from Christchurch the full-time mobile team arrived to a different scene - torrential rain! The last two weeks of the project were a real contrast from the first three as t-shirts and sunhats were swapped out for rain jackets and gumboots. The mud and dampness were frustrating but the biggest concern was how the roof, that had finally arrived, was going to be replaced in spite of all the rain and wind! After much prayer the team got an un-forecasted break in the weather and it was a flurry of activity as all the boys got up on the roof and worked furiously to get the roof replaced before the next downpour. God held the rain clouds away just long enough to get the job done! Even as rotten purlins were discovered that needed to be replaced. *Team leader - Chris McLean, Jen, Hudson, Thea and Abbey McLean, Robert Atkins, Stephen Douglas, Robyn and Marty McKone, Terry and Rhonda Meads, Murray and Anne Packer*





# Upcoming Projects in NZ

 <p><b>NORTH ISLAND PROJECTS</b></p>	 <p>Fellowship and food are a high priority at MMM; every day there is a devotion and prayer time!</p>	<p>6 - 23 June</p> <p><b>St Andrews Church</b></p> <p>New Plymouth</p> <p>Building an internal wall, installing battening and painting</p>	
	<p>26 June - 1 Sept</p> <p><b>Vertical Horizons Camp</b></p> <p>Inglewood, Taranaki</p> <p>Renovation and remodeling of a cabin complex with a covered verandah</p>		<p>17 July - 4 Aug</p> <p><b>Narrows Park Christian Camp</b></p> <p>Airport Rd, Tamahere, Hamilton</p> <p>Bathroom renovation</p> <p>Many thanks to all those who serve on MMM projects!</p>
<p>1 - 25 August</p> <p><b>Camp Raglan</b></p> <p>Raglan</p> <p>Build a deck on an accommodation block.</p> <p><i>Please pray for dry weather. Camps like maintenance to be done in the quieter winter months but that can be difficult.</i></p>		<p>7th Aug - 8 Sept</p> <p><b>Capernwray</b></p> <p>Monavale, Cambridge</p> <p>Replacing windows and internal and external painting</p>	
<p>"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Heb 6:10</p>		 <p><b>Farmers' Fellowship</b></p> <p>Hey Farmer's!</p> <p>Has the Lord prompted you in any of these areas?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To rear a few calves from four days old to weaning. Calves supplied, milk powder supplied if necessary</li> <li>To donate money towards rearing calves</li> <li>To donate a calf at four days old</li> <li>To donate and rear a calf until it is ready for selling</li> <li>Maybe there is an empty beast or reject animal which could be donated</li> <li>Are you a Kiwifruit farmer? You could donate some trays from the harvest</li> </ul> <p><b>Thank you for considering this. All funds raised thru Farmers Fellowship support MMM's overseas work</b></p>	
<p>11 Sept - 22 Sept</p> <p><b>East West College</b></p> <p>Gordonton, Waikato</p> <p>Laying concrete</p>	<p>25 Sept - 13 Oct</p> <p><b>MMM Centre</b></p> <p>1 Kane Street, Pirongia</p> <p>Painting the exterior of house No.1</p>		
<p><b>SOUTH ISLAND PROJECTS</b></p> 	<p>To be Confirmed</p> <p><b>Grant Norsworthy - ministry SPEAKER AND MUSICIAN</b></p> <p>Upper Moutere, Tasman</p> <p>Construction of a small cabin for ministry office and music studio</p>		

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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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