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Apprentices Big & Boo with
Pedro in Thailand.



Apprentices sign up and pray in Chiang Rai, Thailand.

Electrical Apprenticeship Fundraising Target Achieved THANK-YOU

It is a joy to share that, through your generosity and faithful support, we have now reached our appeal goal of \$10,040 AUD to fully fund the 12-month Electrical Apprenticeship and Discipleship Program for Boo and Big.

We are especially pleased to report that both young men have now officially signed up for the program, accompanied by their parents, whose encouragement and support will be an important part of their journey. Even more exciting, both apprentices have already commenced their training and are taking their first steps toward gaining valuable vocational skills, recognised certification, practical experience, and spiritual discipleship.

Your gifts have made it possible for these two young men to receive professional electrical training, mentoring, life-skills development, and the tools they need to build stable employment opportunities and support their families in the future. What began as an appeal for funding has become a tangible pathway of hope, dignity, and transformation.

On behalf of Boo, Big, their families, and everyone involved in this program, thank you for believing in these young men and investing in their future. Your generosity will have a lasting impact on their lives for years to come.

Please continue to lift all involved in prayer



Electrical Theory



Building their furniture





■ **Zambia Solar Project**

Raising \$105,000 for solar power at the vocational college will be a big challenge for MMM Internationally but will be fundamentally important for the ongoing viability of the college in the years to come. If this need speaks to you please be in touch with us at Head Office.

■ **Volunteer Growth**

Every region/state is always blessed when new volunteers come on board. Word of mouth is a great way to draw new people in. Always be on the lookout and prayerful about who you could ask.

■ **Thailand Vision**

The apprenticeship program has commenced and the proposed larger program has established tax deductible status and received two significant donations already

■ **Operations Manager Role**

The recruiting process was completed with several strong applicants reaching interview stage. Through a rigorous selection process our new Operations Manager was appointed. We welcome Andrew Cross to our Head Office team.



James Lacey

MMM Australia
CEO

CEO'S MESSAGE: MOVING FORWARD

I'm delighted to share that several of the projects and initiatives mentioned in our last newsletter have now come to fruition.

The appeal for funds to support two apprentices in Thailand was a wonderful success, with all the required funding now raised.

I also previously mentioned plans to expand our Thailand program to support a larger cohort undertaking building trade training and qualifications. We have reached an important first milestone by securing a partnership with SFI (Service Fellowship International), providing a gateway for DGR (tax-deductible) donations. This partnership was finalised just before the end of the financial year and enabled us to receive two generous donations towards the program's expansion. We will soon have a donation portal we can direct you to.

Zambia was also highlighted in our last update following the breakthrough of regaining accreditation. The next step is to become fully operational. The governing authority has placed a strong emphasis on acquiring tool sets for the core training subjects; however, these tools come with a significant cost. We are grateful that supporters from around the world have already contributed towards meeting this need. Both the Thailand and Zambia programs have the potential to be truly life-changing, creating employment opportunities that would otherwise remain out of reach for many.

Closer to home, we are carefully reviewing our asset base to ensure that everything we have is serving the mission as effectively as possible. As part of this process, we have been consulting with MMMers to gain valuable insight and collaborate on any changes that may be required. It is always wise to regularly review our position and not assume that the way we have always operated is necessarily the best way forward.

Our core focus remains unchanged: serving God through the mission He has entrusted to us. Ensuring we have the facilities and resources to do that effectively is an ongoing responsibility of Head Office and the Board. As we continue this process, I ask for your prayers that God's will would be done. If we faithfully follow His leading for the mission, we can move forward with confidence, knowing that He will guide, provide, and bless the work before us.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and partnership in the ministry.

Gary and Hilary Brewer

MMM Australia
NSW State Managers

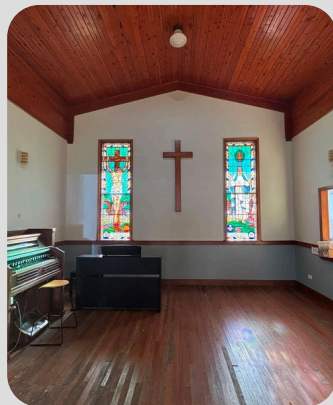


Gary and Hilary Brewer

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EXPEDITIONS

NSW

Fourteen MMM volunteers recently spent three weeks in Warren, two hours west of Dubbo, helping renovate the Presbyterian Church. The main meeting room was transformed into a more flexible, single-level space with increased seating capacity and stackable chairs replacing fixed pews. To support the church's growing number of young families, the old choir stalls were converted into an air-conditioned mothers' room. The kitchenette was also upgraded to a fully equipped kitchen with an oven, stove, dishwasher, and new servery window, making it easier to host church functions and fellowship events. The team also refreshed the church with new paint on interior walls and selected exterior features. Beyond the building improvements, Pastor Michael and Annita were encouraged by the team's daily devotions, fellowship, and service. Annita shared that the team's care and craftsmanship reflected their love for Christ and that the completed renovations will allow the church to focus on developing resources for children's and youth ministry. We thank Michael and Annita for their faithful ministry in Warren and count it a privilege to have served alongside them.



EXPEDITIONS

We are excited to step into our new role as ORA (Offshore and Remote Australia) Expedition Coordinators. To begin this next chapter we will be relocating to the Queensland MMM Base in late August. We have already started planning for 2027 and recently sent out our first Expeditions Newsletter.

Our first project for 2027 is planned for May, when we hope to send a team to Vanuatu to complete the medical clinic in Mangaliliu. MMM Australia originally built the clinic to lock-up stage in 2019, and we are looking forward to seeing this project finished. From June to August 2027, we are planning a Remote Australia (RA) Expedition, focusing mainly on projects across North Queensland. Current locations include Blackall, Doomadgee, Cooktown, Cairns (Gordonvale), Mackay, and potentially Darwin Christian School. These expeditions provide a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and for building lasting friendships and connections as we travel, work, eat, live, pray, and worship together. Between projects there will be time to rest, or for the young at heart, to explore off the beaten track and enjoy a little adventure.

We then plan to travel to MMM Zambia in September 2027, to work on their Ndola Base, and we are excited about the opportunity to serve alongside them. Please let us know if you would like to join us.

VICTORIA & SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Geoff Jarvis
MMM Australia
Vic + SA State
Manager



The Volunteer Team of Victoria and South Australia has been on another busy journey since our last report. Over six weeks, we completed eight projects across South Australia, many of them spread far apart and each with very different needs.

We began at Norton Summit in the Adelaide Hills, home to Youth With A Mission (YWAM). Our task was to lower and plaster ceilings in three rooms. At the same time, a doorway was bricked up, a large window was reduced in size and rebuilt, and extensive gardening work was completed. Meanwhile, a smaller team worked at Seacliffe, where they finished external painting and replaced a difficult gutter before returning home.

Leaving our caravans at YWAM, we headed to Kangaroo Island by ferry once again.

This time we were blessed to have our own cooks, Jeff and Heather, who travelled from different locations to care for the team while the rest of us focused on construction work. Our main project was redeveloping a 20-metre retaining wall. A contractor was engaged to undertake excavation and drill holes for the vertical supports, saving both time and wear on our backs. We also completed painting and extensive rust treatment work. The final day was a race to the finish, but by God's grace we completed everything on time.

At this point, some volunteers headed home after three weeks of service, and we are deeply grateful for their contribution.

After one night back at our caravans, the remaining team travelled to Port Augusta Brethren Assembly for a two-part project. The pastor and his wife have faithfully ministered there for more than 40 years and are now preparing to downsize. Dulux generously supplied all the paint needed for both the corrugated roof and interior work. Thank you, Dulux SA.

We were also joined by three additional couples who came specifically to assist with this project. Alongside the church work, we updated the church house before another rushed but satisfying finish.

From there we travelled to Redcliffe Camp near Tumby Bay. Two couples worked at Ungarra Church of Christ, where they removed an old kitchen and prepared the area for a new kitchen installation.

Redcliffe Camp, located just 50 metres from the ocean, is a beautiful setting. Our work there involved lining the ablution block with medium-roll corrugated iron. Once the Ungarra project was completed, that team returned home. We then finished at Redcliffe Camp and travelled to Mannum Baptist Church.

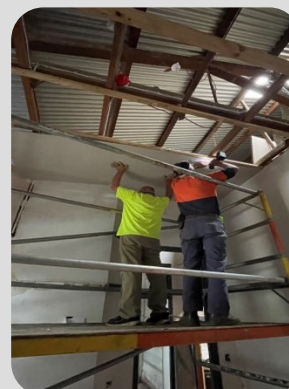
The church, formerly a Uniting Church, has a wonderful vision for its community. Recognising that local professionals lacked a suitable place to meet people, the congregation is building an extension designed for this purpose. Our role was to complete the interior painting, but we eventually ran out of work as the plasterer was running behind schedule and we were waiting on him. What a journey it has been!

At this point, I want to express a heartfelt thank you to the many people who supported us through generous donations towards exorbitant fuel costs driven by the global fuel crisis. Every volunteer benefited from this support, which helped ease the burden of travel expenses. We were blessed to receive \$4,500.

South Australia remains very important to both MMM and me. Many years ago, we had a state base there. Today, we have nothing, not even a shed on someone's property. As a result, we must transport all our tools, scaffolding and project equipment across from Victoria. This is neither ideal nor sustainable.

South Australia desperately needs a place to call home; a base from which to operate and serve. Along with this need, we also require a State Manager who can help gather and encourage local volunteers, develop a property, and create a stopping place for travellers crossing Australia.

Will you join us in prayer for these needs?



TASMANIA – BUSY SEASON CONTINUES

If you had the opportunity to read the previous edition, you would have read how busy we'd been in Tassie. The busyness continued for another month with two more projects before a time of rest and refreshing for the volunteers.

For one reason and another, it was some time from when Wynyard Community Church first talked to us about their needs and when a team went to assist them but it was all in God's hands and His timing. While the pastor took some leave, a semi-retired pastor came to look after the church for a month and he loved painting. Not only that, his wife had previously run the café in their church and stepped in to look after the team all day, every day. With 5 metre high ceilings, a lot of windows as well as an entryway, hallway and old Sunday school rooms to paint, we didn't know how we'd possibly get the work completed in the time but God knew. Between team members being able to give more time than they'd committed to and our painters doing such a good job with the rolling (we only needed one good, thick coat on the walls and ceiling in the main auditorium) everything was done by the end of the week.

The next project, for the Ulverstone Presbyterian Church, also just came together beautifully with God's hand of blessing upon it, getting even more work done than was originally asked for. The weather was beautiful for the middle of May as all the old windows were taken out and replaced with aluminium. The sense of unity on the project and the time of fellowship were a highlight for all involved. And now, after almost two months without project work, the team is ready to go again on some of the many projects that God put in our hands during that time. We look forward to helping Devonport Chaplaincy with a refurbishment of their offices in the Loaves and Fishes building. Loaves and Fishes help with hundreds of meals every week to help other churches and community groups feed those in need in their areas. We'll be working with churches from a number of denominations – Baptist, Presbyterian, Anglican, Church of Christ and others – to do more painting, change out more windows, renovate kitchens and so much more. It's such a blessing and a privilege to 'serve those who serve' whilst doing God's work with a great team in our beautiful island state.



Shane and Ruth Goelst
MMM Australia
Tasmania State Managers



QUEENSLAND

Over the past few months, we have really seen God's character demonstrated in His provision, both on and off projects. We recently renovated a dorm bathroom for YWAM Brisbane, and for anyone that has renovated a bathroom before, there are a lot of stages that must be done in a specific sequence. Despite some things not quite going to the original plan, we were able to work efficiently with our time and personnel, the plumber came when we needed him to, everything was ready just in time for our volunteer tiler to come in and lead that portion of the project. Our volunteer glazier was able to install the glass panes for the shower right when they were ready. And throughout the whole process of the project, God provided the right personnel at the right time, and assisted the team in being ready for the next stage.

God has provided enough volunteers for the projects being completed up in Gladstone over Winter. And the wonderful thing is that we have been able to complete everything we set out to do and more with the team He supplied! Just recently God has provided someone with excavating expertise and machines after an opportunity to talk about MMM at a local men's breakfast. He has offered to assist in some way to restore the driveway at the QLD base. And on a personal note, God provided a caravan that is suitable to fit our family of five, just in time for our trip up to Gladstone. (I can't say I would have left it to 3 weeks out if I had coordinated the perfect timing, however it was a great opportunity to strengthen our trust in God's provision) We hope that these testimonies are an encouragement to all of your around the country that we serve a faithful God who promises to provide for all of our needs, according to His purposes.



Josh & Trish Baade
MMM Australia
QLD State Managers



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Trevor & Karen Beard

MMM Australia
WA State Managers



A Kingdom Opportunity in Western Australia

MMM Australia is preparing to relocate its WA base in 2028 and is seeking partners who will invest, build, and stand with us as we advance God's Kingdom across Western Australia.

Could your land, church, or resources become a catalyst for ministry that impacts generations? MMM WA serves churches and ministries through practical building and maintenance support, helping the Gospel reach further. More than a relocation, this is a strategic opportunity to expand capacity, increase impact, and strengthen our ability to serve.

We invite those who see beyond ownership to Kingdom stewardship to consider how their resources could be used for God's purposes. This is an opportunity to invest in something with lasting, eternal significance.

We don't just build structures. We build the Kingdom. To explore how you can be involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Partnering with Camp Wattle Grove

MMM has been completing projects at Camp Wattle Grove for more than 40 years. In fact, it was one of the first organisations to partner with MMM when a base was established in WA. Over the years, the relationship has helped both organisations grow and be encouraged through mutual support and blessing. Recently, Hut 5 underwent a major transformation. After asbestos was safely removed by an external contractor, a team comprising Phil Williams, Paul Shelton, Mick Sonneman, Paul Kenny, Rod Heape, and Tina Ferguson removed the old windows and jarrah boards, then installed new aluminium windows and reclad the exterior with Colorbond.

The hut now looks fantastic and is far more functional for campers using the grounds. Pictured are members of the hardworking team.



SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE

Your gift builds far more than buildings.

Every year, MMM volunteers travel thousands of kilometres to renovate churches, maintain camps, repair ministry facilities, build community spaces and complete countless practical tasks that strengthen Christian outreach across Australia. Behind every freshly painted church, renovated hall, upgraded camp facility or repaired ministry home are people whose lives are being touched by the Gospel. When MMM volunteers arrive, pastors can focus on people. Missionaries can continue their outreach. Camp ministries can welcome more guests. Churches can better serve their communities. Schools, youth ministries and community outreach programs can continue their work with safer, more functional facilities. MMM's ministry is simple: we serve those who serve. Through practical skills, willing hands and faithful hearts, we help build up God's Kingdom, one project at a time.

How You Can Help

Become a Regular Partner

Regular monthly giving provides the foundation that keeps MMM moving. Your ongoing support helps fund vehicles, tools, project delivery, volunteer support and ministry operations throughout Australia.

Every month you help strengthen Christian ministry.

Make a One-Off Donation

Every gift, large or small, helps us respond to urgent ministry needs and complete projects that many churches and ministries could never afford on their own.

Your generosity becomes practical ministry.

Connect Us With Business

Do you own a business or know someone who does?

Corporate support can make a tremendous difference through:

- Financial sponsorship
- Building materials
- Paint and hardware
- Equipment and vehicle support
- Professional services
- Skilled volunteer teams

Together we can multiply the impact of every project.

Leave a Lasting Legacy

A gift in your Will can continue serving God's Kingdom for generations to come.

A bequest to MMM helps ensure future volunteers can continue supporting churches, camps, schools and Christian ministries across Australia.

A legacy of service today can strengthen ministry long into the future.

Every Project Tells a Story

- ✓ Churches renewed
- ✓ Camps upgraded
- ✓ Missionaries supported
- ✓ Volunteers mobilised
- ✓ Communities served
- ✓ The Gospel strengthened

When you support MMM, you become part of every project, every prayer and every life touched through the ministries we serve.

Join us in strengthening Christian ministry across Australia.

Donate. Partner. Pray. Leave a Legacy.

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