

# M&M's Mission Moments



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## Catherine's Adventure

We began home schooling Catherine last year knowing that we needed to move interstate. She enjoyed being home schooled, so we sought to register her here in Queensland. After submitting all of the documentation, the department of education declined us permission to continue home schooling. We could appeal but I'm struggling with Major Anxiety Depressive Disorder (MADD). So Catherine has started attending Mitchelton State School within walking distance of our home. We look forward to building more relationships in the local community and to be a witness.

Catherine will have opportunities to gain more skill with her interest in art. Please pray for her and her new relationships at school, also academics do not come easy for her. Catherine made the decision to follow Jesus back when she was seven. Now at age 15, she has decided to follow the Lord's



command and be baptized this coming Sunday. Please praise the Lord with us

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## Strategy Prayer Points

**National Director.** Praise God! It's been exciting hearing of the many new Christians over the past two months. Internationally a team saw more than 1000 people indicate decisions. Locally almost 40 people have professed a new faith in Christ.

**Campus.** Pray for the promotion & recruitment for Mid-Year Conference in July, our key ministry training & momentum event of the year.

**Church Movements.** Pray for Juerg & Jennifer coming from Switzerland for the MyFriends Training launch, visiting youth groups, meeting with pastors, & running launch events in Sydney, Melbourne, & regional centers in NSW and Victoria. Pray that MyFriends will be well received & equip 'everyday' Christians to share Jesus with their friends and family.

**Youth.** Praise God for the opportunity to give "First Steps" training to high school youth, – it is being trialed at one of our schools. Pray that students will become comfortable with sharing their faith. Pray for more opportunities to trial the training in other schools & to continue developing more training programs for youth.

**Families.** Pray for missionaries to join the Family strategy of Power to Change. Pray that God would bring in the right couples to help us impact our nation. Pray for some of our new evangelism strategies. Pray that our volunteers will start using them and that we would see couples come to know Jesus.

**Core Services.** We have just been audited and again received a healthy report. Praise God for our Finance Team who works diligently and wisely in this area. Praise God for his provision and for the leaders who are stewarding His resources.

**Global Aid.** Pray for the next Medical mission to India – 6th to 19th August 2017. Pray for at least 2 full time missionaries to come & work with GAIN. Pray for a Sydney Office for Power to Change & GAIN.



*Celebrating 50 years*

This month marks the 50th anniversary of Power to Change here in Australia! Our Movement was started on Anzac Day 1967 as Lay Institute for Evangelism (LIFE) by Rev Geoff Fletcher, then Director of Evangelism in Sydney. It's a good time to pause, reflect, and renew our commitment to "tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done." (Psalm 78:4)

## *In the Land of the Living*

Not many people walk away with only a scratch from a motorcycle accident. I was headed to a men's prayer and Bible study breakfast early Saturday morning. It had been lightly raining. I hit an oil slick on the road and went down sliding along the pavement with sparks flying. When I finally stopped head first downhill, my left leg was pinned under the bike. Thankfully the cars behind me were able to stop in time before running over me. A small young lady came and amazingly lifted the bike up so I could get out from under it. I eventually got the bike into neutral and got it to the side of the road. Then a gentleman came and walked the bike down the road to get it off the road and to clear traffic.



Shaken a bit, I walked down the road to where the bike was. Even after sliding on the pavement for quite a distance, my leather jacket and Kevlar pants had done their job of protecting me without even a hole. I'm recovering from an abrasion on my left elbow and a stiff and sore neck.

While I was trying to call the Bible study leader to say that I wasn't able to make it, he actually rides by and sees me. I gave him the key to the motorcycle and called Mary to come get me. Later that day, the Bible study leader was able to ride my motorcycle home after repairing some of the minor damages.

Bible verses that "just happened" to be part of my personal devotions the next day were Psalm 116:8, 9

**For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

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In His Service,

*Mark + Mary*

**And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. | John 4:14**

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The sudden loss of \$500/month from our support came as a shock and a surprise back in January. But it wasn't a surprise or shock to God. We've been able to present the need to new friends and our church family here in Brisbane. The church has decided to take on some of the support and we just got word of some more support being taken on from another couple in the church. We only lack \$90/month now. Praise the Lord with us for His provision.

### **Australia Gifts**

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