

MMM Hong Kong NEWS

February 2011



Happy Chinese New Year!



How do you begin a New Year? Are you reflective of the year that is passed? Planning for the year that is to come? That is exactly how MMM began 2011 being thankful for 2010 and looking forward to 2011. On Saturday the 15th of January, MMM held a Thanksgiving Dinner which was attended by over 80 people. What a great way to begin a year, with thanks!

Besides being able to share a delicious meal at City Top in Kowloon Tong those who attended the dinner were able to hear a report by **Eric Lee** of past projects. Then **Pastor Leung** from the Taipo Church of Christ in China shared what it meant to his church to be a recipient of an MMM team. He shared how it gave opportunity for this church to be involved in the project and that he was impressed by MMM's way of serving saying "MMM went above and beyond what a contractor would do." Those who had served with MMM repeatedly throughout 2010 were recognized and four who had served the most were awarded with a Chinese calligraphy scroll on which was written MMM's name, motto and their name. Following the awards some of the recent Encouragement Tour members demonstrated the kind of games they play with the residents. First they called for some volunteers, then while one volunteer sat, another volunteer whom was blindfolded fed them a banana! The second game was flying paper darts on which verses and blessings had been written on, giving each person the opportunity to pass on a blessing. **Howard Robinson** MMM Director finished the evening by presenting upcoming projects and reminding us that giving thanks is the will of God "Give thanks in all circumstances because this is the will of God..." (1 Thess. 5:18)



L-R: KC Lee (Board Member), Christine Choy, Mr. Kwok, Mr Wu, Mr Pang (Award Recipients) Charles Lo (Board Member)



Encouragement Tour team members: Regina Chan, Michelle Yan, Pui Chi So, Candy Tseng.



Light from The Word

By **Ave Robinson**

Upside down blessings

I have never hung a picture or a sign upside down but at this time of the year I have noticed the Chinese character for blessing proudly hung upside down on many Hong Kong doors, is this a mistake?! No it 's not! Recently I learnt the reason is in Chinese the word for 'upside down' sounds a lot like the word for 'arrived' so to hang a blessing upside down is to say, "Blessing has arrived"!



Whenever I think of blessing and scripture, the first chapter that comes to mind is Ephesians chapter 1 where

the apostle Paul is telling the Ephesians all the blessings that arrived, and they came in Jesus. Here is a list; The Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us! Blessed us in heavenly realm. Blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Blessed us because he chose us. Blessed us with love. Blessed us with forgiveness. Blessed us with grace which he lavished on us! Blessed us with the gospel. Blessed us with the Holy Spirit... this Chinese New Year remember, through Jesus, indeed blessing has arrived! To read more about God's blessing to us read Ephesians Ch 1:3-14

Christmas E.T

MMM is so thankful all those who chose to serve and share Christmas joy with the residents at a leprosy village in early December.



A team of 18 sifted sand for making plaster, plastered walls, painted, presented the Christmas story, made food, played games and talked with the residents over the weekend. Afterwards the team members marveled at how blessed by the residents they felt. There were three young members of 13 and 14 on the team and they expressed that they did not expect to be so well cared for by the residents and certainly did not expect to leave the village feeling blessed! They would like to go again and their parents encouraged them in this.

We will be taking two specific groups on Encouragement Tours over the next two months, one from a church and another from Chinese University.

Staff & Board Retreat day

On the 2nd of January the staff and board had a day together looking at the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats in MMM Hong Kong. What was quickly realised was that we saw the same things. Our strength was clearly seen as our staff, board, volunteers and sense of community. We saw the need for promotion and the low number of full time staff as a an area of weakness. Currently we are pursuing the opportunity to office share with another ministry. And currently one 'challenge' we have is meeting the new government regulations for minor construction works. It was a good time together and we finished united in the MMM vision to see the church of God with all the facilities it needs to reach out more and more.



Join the MMM Team

Are you ready to serve Jesus?
Would you like to work with and for Christians?
Would you like to be able to practically serve many different missions?

Phone the MMM office now to talk with us on how you can serve part time or full time.

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Coming up...



Chinese Gospel Broadcasting Centre
14 –25 Feb

This ministry uses the various types of media in today's world to present the gospel and Biblical teaching to a lost world.

Join the Harry and Eric as they work in Central for the Chinese Gospel Broadcasting Centre.

Any time you can help phone Eric on:
9864 3290

Project in...



KAZAKHSTAN!

May–June

This is your opportunity to assist the Tien Shan International School. This Christian school is moving to a new campus and requires cabinet makers, builders and handymen to build shelves, storage cabinets, and work stations for over 20 classrooms. If you are interested contact the MMM office and we will send you more details.



Monday
14th February
7:30 PM
Methodist Centre
Room 410
Hennessy Rd,
Wanchai

Prayer Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Praise the Lord for all those who attended the MMM Thanksgiving Dinner in January. and for the good fellowship all enjoyed.	2 Praise the Lord for those who served on the Taiipo CCC Church project over the last three months.	3 Pray for good times during the New Year celebrations with family and friends. Pray that in this New Year we will be active in sharing our faith.	4 Praise God for the great time of discussion and encouragement the MMM staff and Board had on the retreat day at the beginning of January.	5 Continue to praise the Lord for his provision of the financial needs of MMM. For all those who give their time and money may they be blessed for their generosity.
6 Praise God for Samuel Kayaya (Zambia) who came to HK to learn about Christian drug rehabilitation. Pray for him as he has returned home to begin a centre.	7 Pray for Harry Joe to have opportunity to be still in the Lord, to reflect and read His Word for guidance.	8 Pray for God's grace in Eric's mothers life as she is still paralysed following her stroke. Thank God for the care she is receiving from the nursing staff.	9 Pray for a continued spirit of unity in the ministry of MMM that we will serve the Lord with one heart.	10 Pray for good planning and direction for Howard Robinson as he prepares the work schedule. There are several unconfirmed projects in China and Hong Kong.	11 May Cheung thanks God for his provision for her. Pray that her regular support will continue to increase.	12 Pray for the MMM team as they work and travel around Hong Kong. Pray for God's safety and provision for each member.
13 Give thanks to God for his goodness. "I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy... I will call on him as long as I live." Psalm 116 :1-2	14 Come and join us. Tonight is the <u>MMM Prayer Meeting</u> . Don't forget! 7:30 at the Methodist Centre Wanchai, Hennessy Rd, Room	15 Pray for Chrissy (May's Cheung daughter) who is celebrating her birthday. Pray she may also grow in the wisdom and knowledge of God.	16 As Eric Lee and Harry Joe are working for the Chinese Gospel Broadcasting Centre pray for safety and encouragement for all.	17 It is a busy time for the office staff as they prepare the AGM documents to be sent out. Pray for these details to go smoothly.	18 Pray for Tracy (May's Cheung daughter) as she celebrates her birthday today. Pray she will grow in her relationship with God.	19 Pray for the continued growth of MMM Hong Kong. Thank God for the proposed opportunity we have to share larger office space with another ministry.
20 Pray safe travel for Ave Robinson this week as she has returned to New Zealand for a family wedding. Pray for the rest of the family staying in Hong Kong.	21 Thank God for the MMM board members and other people who serve MMM with their skills. May God richly bless them for their service.	22 As God used MMM to bring some to know him last year pray that our witness of his love will be evident again this year.	23 Pray for God's choosing of a Chinese Director for MMM Hong Kong to further the work of MMM.	24 Pray for the Lord's leading in Harry Joes life in finding a home church in Hong Kong.	25 Pray for wisdom for Howard Robinson (Director) as he prepares everything needed for MMM to be a registered minor works contractor.	26 Pray for the work programme for 2011. Pray for wisdom with whom we should serve. Praise the Lord for each opportunity.
27 Praise God for his word that says, "God is present in the company of the righteous... the Lord is their refuge." Psalm 14: 5-6	28 Ask the Lord for wisdom in the planning of the next months ET and also a MAT from Zambia.	<p><i>Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.</i></p> <p><i>The Lord be with all of you.</i></p> <p><i>2 Thessalonians 3:16</i></p>				

