



Leave your mark on the world!
2019 EDITION



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An eternal mark

When you impact the world for Jesus, you are making a mark. More than a landmark, your orphanages, schools, hospitals, clinics, boat-sheds, fences and homes leave an **eternal mark** on this world. Teen Missions summers aren't about what we accomplish—they are about what Jesus accomplishes through us. The marks we leave are a legacy of Jesus' servant heart and love for His world: God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son... who left **His mark**, the cross, as a reminder to us that *"whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16).

This is what we're about: leaving an eternal mark on a world in desperate need of the truth, life and hope that is found in Jesus alone. We need to simply walk in obedience to His call and continue His mission: to reach the lost, that they would be saved and become disciples who wholeheartedly follow Jesus.

Are you making a mark for Jesus? Is it more than just a good impression on your workplaces, schools, communities and churches? Jesus leaves His mark on us, giving us a new heart: new love for His world, new desires to see others come to know Him, new power to work for Him and speak the truth boldly. This is a mark that changes us, so that we can be used to change the world.



Grand Reunion for the Ages

2017 Reunion (September)

A weekend for all past team members and leaders was spent enjoying food, funspiration and fellowship—and a classic Teen Missions bonfire, of course! There was a range of representatives, from the founders, Peter and Bev Salisbury, to the newest FTMs from the summer teams of 2016-2017. Families and friends joined us to celebrate the graduating BMW class — Bec Blackburn, Emma Blackburn (Steven), Hannah Sydney-Smith and Tim Linder.

This reunion was to be a final gathering on the property in Tewantin before the base would see two years in recess.





Held at Karakariki Christian Campsite, just outside of Hamilton, New Zealand, 29 team members and leaders trained and were commissioned on three teams to serve the Lord for the summer of 2018/2019.

(Read more about these teams on the next pages!)

We were particularly blessed to be served and encouraged by many volunteers and visitors over the time of Boot Camp and Debrief. Thank you to all who were involved.

The end of the summer saw 10 new commitments to the Lord for full-time Christian service. Pray that each continues to seek the Lord's guidance in preparing them for their futures.

Chur!



Get those boots out again!

Staff Update—Tim and Monika Foulkes

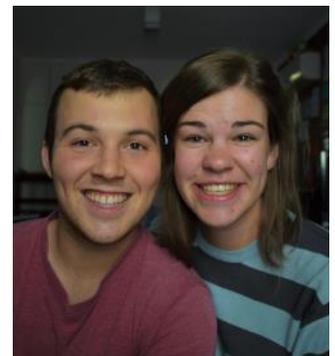
We want to see lives changed—here in Australia and New Zealand, and around the world. Our hearts are bent on discipleship, and walking with young people. We arrived here in February 2019, and are working hard to learn the ropes of this ministry.

We don't know it all, or even come close to the experience many of you (reading this) have—in terms of Teen Missions, ministry, missions, discipleship, evangelism or training. But we're willing, and we are here, because **we are not ready to retire our boots just yet. Are you?**

We look forward to seeing what God has in store for this year's summer teams—and are thankful He has opened the door for another summer here at the base.

We are so grateful for the encouragement and support we have already received, especially with finances and prayer. If you would, please pray for us! *For—*

- Guidance for Teen Missions Australia Board, regarding decisions for property development and the future of TMIA's summer team program
- Our preparation for the Summer Teams (2019/2020) - we need more team members and experienced, godly leaders!
- For more Australian staff to join us on the base in Tewantin QLD
- Provision and wisdom as we prepare for the arrival of our first child (expected in June)



If you would like to receive our regular updates, please email the TMIA office with your contact details.



Meet the team! (Left to right)

Monika, Tim, Michael, Ella, Jade, Lauren, Anthony, Kayla, Josh, Riley and James



“ *In a far northern corner of Thailand, 1864 road bends from Chiang Mai, we found ourselves at the House of Hope Orphanage for the summer— with a variety of projects to fill our time.*

Our primary projects for this time were a greenhouse, to house and protect vegetables in the rainy season; and a garage, for the children to learn practical mechanical skills.

This meant we started with a lot of digging (days on end!), hoeing and clearing, to level each area and make them suitable for planting and for a foundation slab.

We then worked with Sivett, the Thai groundsman, to complete the greenhouse, erecting the 20x10m steel frame, concreting a footer with a row of blocks and covering it with plastic sheeting.

After a 12.5 hour work day, we finished pouring the garage concrete slab, and were able to lay part of three walls in our time left on the field.

Around at House of Hope, we helped plant fields of garlic to support food resources.

This was a great opportunity to work alongside the 30 children living at HOH, with whom we spent evening devotion time, sharing worship in Thai, and teachings we had prepared with translation help from our missionaries.

‘Our God’ was a favourite.

It was a summer of learning boldness and perseverance as God challenged us to grow in areas of our faith and the way we live that faith out. ”

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

- GALATIANS 6:9-10

Team Member (FTM) testimonies can be found in ‘Where are they now?’





South Africa 1803

Meet the team! (Left to right)

Dave, Jasmin, Bec, Janelle, Annaleise,
Juandre, Madi, Zoe and Teagan



“ It was very evident we had the Lord’s hand of blessing this summer in South Africa: our team was united in our focus on the work set before us, and in our burden to share God’s love through our evangelism ministries. Our host missionaries were very thankful for how many projects we completed, improving the base. They were scrambling to find more work for us to do! Afternoons on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday we ministered to adults and children close to the base. On Saturdays, we travelled to the capital city, Pretoria, for evangelism in the park. These opportunities stretched each one of our team members, yet the reward was evident with how well we were received.

Although we have few dramatic examples of God at work in our summer, we have witnessed God’s hand on us in many ways.

We have seen the **beauty** of God while enjoying the safari at Pilanesberg National Park.

We have seen the **majesty** of God in the many sunrises and sunsets in Africa.

We have seen the **power** of God in His daily protection and through the boldness of the team in witnessing.

We have seen the **grace** of God in enabling us to work hard in harsh conditions.

We have seen the **peace** of God as we trusted Him through various physical and emotional storms.

We have seen the **love** of God in the unity within the team and in the fellowship of other believers from other cultures, races and languages.”

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

- REVELATION 7:9-10

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Meet the team! (Left to right)

Vanja, Rachel, Ebony, Sam, Jacques, Noah, Jonah, Sam Tilly and Georgia



“ After an eventful series of flight changes and delays, our team arrived at Waterfall Village on Pentecost Island to start our project of building a community sports stage. Much hard work and progress was made in the very hot and humid conditions.

Although we were unable to fully complete the project, we had many unforgettable experiences. Some of the highlights include eating lots of fresh coconuts, swimming under incredible waterfalls and enjoying beautiful beaches.

We were blessed to be able to do evangelism presentations for children in two villages and in many local churches. ”

The daily forty-five minute trek (one way!) to their worksite found the ‘Mighty Nine’ learning to persevere in new ways this past summer. The discovery of the refreshing waterfall only ten minutes from their accommodation was enjoyed by a lot of the team, cooling down after long, hot work days.

To overcome the heat on the open oval area where the team was working, local workers would uproot various trees and palms and replant these around the worksite to provide shade. After the trees had wilted, days later, they would be replaced with fresh ones to maintain the protection! The forestry surrounding the oval, and the nearby beach, were the source of many building materials the team used for their project during the summer.

Thank God for His beautiful (and useful) creation!

Sing to the LORD a new song,
His praise from the ends of the earth,
you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it,
you islands, and all who live in them.

- ISAIAH 42:10

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Where are they now?

2018 FTM "3 months on" testimonies

“ During the few months since leaving Vanuatu and Debrief I've realized how important it is to keep going, keep walking with the things I learnt while on team. It's very easy to come back after such an uplifting time in your walk of faith all excited and enthused for a few weeks before something hits you. You're overwhelmed with schoolwork, family disagreements, or trying to find a job. You're feeling the "wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11) being thrown at you one after the other, and you're wondering what you're doing wrong after things were going so well.

But it's all part of the Christian's walk. A true Christian's walk that is. The devil isn't afraid of someone whose not threatening his power over the nations of this world. He's terrified of those that do, and therefore will throw anything he knows will slip that person up at them. The key to not letting your feet slip out from under you when this happens is to be firmly grounded on the rock, Jesus Christ and His word. That's when I kick myself and think of how quick I was to let my daily devotions slip out from my daily routine. It's not that I didn't see it's importance, but that I didn't prioritize it's importance above that of other things, of schoolwork, family and career.

With each day beginning in reading His promises, and each day committed to the Lord, no day full of problems can overwhelm the trust and hope you have in the Lord. Even if I have to start all over again, over and over again; making devos part of the daily routine will pay off when the wiles start flying once again, as they definitely will. ”

Sam Tilly (Vanuatu)



It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

3 John 3—4

“ Since coming home from Thailand I've adjusted to life in a way that I didn't expect. I've become a lot more aware and proactive in both my faith and consequently actions. I've felt more invigorated and passionate about leading at my church's youth group and have been considering more where my current studies are taking me in regards to how I can serve the Lord in that capacity.

While on team I found my Biblical knowledge and focus significantly increased and thought that would be my focus after team as well. However, I was surprised to find that instead it has been my prayer life that had grown and become fruitful in this season. ”

Ella (Thailand)

“ Since coming home from South Africa, I have felt lost and lonely. I struggled with my devotions to begin with, but slowly came back into a routine. On team, I wrote a prayer, giving every one of my struggles to God. After that prayer, God has revealed so much to me! Like when He told me to go back on mission to Uganda, even before the teams had been announced. I regularly reflect on what God showed me over the summer and keep in touch with my team and friends from mission. I am super pumped to be returning this year, and can't wait to see what doors God will be open to me!

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7) ”

Bec (South Africa)

“ Since coming home from Thailand I have found it so much easier to talk about my faith and to step out and share my experience with my church and my community.

I have gained a lot more confidence in who I am in Christ and am finding it a lot easier to reach out to people and share God's good news. ”

Kayla (Thailand)

Where are they now?

2018 FTM "3 months on" testimonies

“ Returning home from Thailand I struggled a lot, particularly initially, converting how convicted I'd felt over the summer into life in the West. It was all different, and so much harder than I'd initially anticipated, but time after time I've seen God's hand at work as He's relentlessly counselled, guided and refined me.

Having just completed Year 12, I've enjoyed the beginnings of a degree in secondary education, with an English major and Science minor.

Throughout my devotions I've loved delving into the Gospels, still working my way through the 'Read Scripture' app, and while prayer remains a weakness for me, it's slowly becoming an increasingly integral part of my daily life.

It's been great to continue memorising Scripture (admittedly swapping out of the KJV), hitting a rewarding total of 100 verses just before Easter. I'm really looking forward to attending the team to Uganda at the end of this year and can't wait to see where God will direct me into the future! ”

Michael (Thailand)



“ Life after South Africa was full of trials, more than I expected. After living in South Africa for four weeks and coming back home into a country that is the complete opposite, I struggled to adjust at first.

Through it, I have learnt and realised how much God has given me, how much we take for granted, for the things we have and the people around us. I grew a lot and still continue to grow in God as life after Teen Missions carries on. ”

Janelle (South Africa)

“ Teen Missions has played a major role in the growth of my faith over the last few years.

My first team experience was going to Cambodia/Vietnam in 2016, and the second being South Africa in 2018.

Through these experiences, God has challenged me to trust Him with everything. In 2016 I made a commitment to serving the Lord wherever He sends me, and I have stuck to that. I know that I will be spending my life following God to some crazy, and at times scary places, but I know that He is with me and that my trust in Him has eternal value and implications.

This year, God willing, I will be a leader on a summer team. This is again another big step in my faith, and I will have to rely on the Lord to guide me in this leadership position. God has been so good to me, and although my life has definitely not been without trials, He has proven His love for me time and time again, especially blessing me with people and experiences I am far from deserving. ”

Juandre (South Africa)

“ Since coming home I have been reflecting a lot upon trusting God, and where that really comes into play in my life. It is much easier to fully trust in God when there are others constantly around reminding you to hand your troubles over.

Since returning from team, I have been consistently reflecting on this issue in all areas of my life and actually handing over my troubles to God instead of taking them back when I have said "Amen."

I have been noticing the difference from relationships to work, to church. I have been realising how much more peace I have in situations where I would normally have been very anxious. ”

Lauren (Thailand)



Where are they now?

FTMs from far and wide!

Lieschke Family

"My hubby and I are now at Koojarewon Youth Camp in Highfields Queensland. Loving camp life with our little Liam who turns 2 in May."

- Heidi Lieschke (Weppner) (Fijatu 06, Thailand 07)



Menzel Family

Nerida Menzel (Schmidt) (Thailand 07) and Luke (PNG 10), with our son, Benaiah Andrew (A Team 31) who was born in December 2017.



Stoddart Family

"Well, 6 months after Jas and I finished BMW, we got married (2016) and settled down in Toowoomba, QLD. A little over a year later we welcomed our boy, Leonidas Judah Ray (more commonly known as Leo), into the world.

Since then Jas has started an electrical apprenticeship and my time has been spent between being a Mum and being involved in organising many different events and groups in our woman's ministry at our church.

Our hope and prayer is that the skills we're learning now will be useful when, God willing, we one day return to full time mission work.

- Cordelia (Vine) (Madagascar 13, South Africa 14, Tanzania 15)
& Jason Stoddart (Madagascar 13, Hungary 14, Zambia 15)



Jill Key (Vanuatu 02, Cambodia 04, Thailand 05, Cambodia 06)

"After my last trip to Cambodia with Teen Missions, I came back to Australia and was sharing about my summer adventures at my home church. It happened to be the same Sunday service at which a Thai woman (whom my church sponsored in her work at a baby home) was sharing.

After the service the lady who happened to be the volunteer supervisor asked if I would consider being a volunteer. After a lot of prayer I signed up and in 2008 I set off on an adventure to Thailand loving on the babies at Agape Home in Chiang Mai for the next 9 months. Thailand was an amazing adventure. I fell in love with the beautiful children and the country of Thailand.

After Thailand I moved to Christchurch in New Zealand where my family had relocated.

In 2016 I applied to volunteer in Uganda with Watoto Baby Home. I was accepted and spent five months volunteering in the beautiful baby home. Africa for me was an eye opener. In all honesty, nothing could have prepared me for this place and the love that I would feel for this amazing nation which had been through so much, yet the people still had so much love to give. I saw precious little babies lives changed with just a little bit of love.

Both of these trips would not have been the same if it wasn't for my previous Teen Missions trips that had started the fire inside my heart for God and his beautiful people."



Where are they now?

FTMs from far and wide!

(Chile 12) **Okeefe Eason**

"I have been faring fine, have had multiple jobs, and taking a break from study.

An effort similar to TMI has been myself assisting in my mate's charity, LiteHaus International. We're an education stationary supplier operating in Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, and Uganda, with plans to branch further.

We've most significantly operated in the Western Highlands Province of PNG, where we have distributed laptops to several primary schools, amongst other supplies. The premise being many children can access an education, but have little exposure to digital resources which is heavily used in the workforce.

So far all the contacts we have worked with have been Christian, be it Christian schools, orphanages, or street children teachers.

It has been remarkable to be apart of, and I thank Teen Missions for giving me an exposure to this field!"



Shoshan Orr (Hines) (Nepal 15)

"After team, I decided to study Enrolled Nursing in Waikato NZ. I then graduated in November 2017 with a special award for Best Clinical Practice.

Near the end of my studies, I got engaged to my best friend and after a short 5 months, we married on 3rd March 2018, on a quiet beach front reserve in the Bay Of Plenty, NZ.

I started working as an Enrolled Nurse close to home while Sam brought home avocados. We ventured to Thailand for our honeymoon, and again later in 2018 before starting our own business as Avocado Contractors."

Willis Family



Ben (Cambodia/Vietnam 13, Myanmar 14, Nepal 15, Navajo 16) and Jesse (Foreman) (Nepal 15, Cambodia/Vietnam 16) were married in February 2019 and are excited to be exploring their future together, serving the Lord in ministry.

Currently, Jesse is working as a Registered Nurse at a nearby prison and Ben is working as the youth pastor at their local church, the Upper Hutt Salvation Army.



<https://jascochrane.home.blog/>

Jasmin Cochrane (Zambia 15, Myanmar 16, South Africa 18)

"Since my first team the Lord has challenged me to live a life of full surrender to Him. Over the years I've grown in desire to make Him known by loving people, especially children, so I have been at uni studying preschool and primary education.

Soon, however, I will be joining Teen Missions on the GAP year program in Malawi, Africa. I hope to serve in day-to-day ministries of TMI, including the Aids Orphans and Street Children ministries, the Motorcycle Sunday School Mission and Boot Camps.

Teen Missions Australia has had a big impact on my relationship with God and His direction for my life. It takes a little step of surrender at a time, and He does all the rest."

And you?

Missions, marriages, work, study, achievements —

wherever life has taken you since your last team, we'd love to hear about it!



one summer. opportunity.



Will you go?

EYEGLOSS & MEDICAL



The red dust of Ugandan roads is calling. Bare feet dance; voices are raised in song; a beautiful picture, yet **Uganda** hosts millions of orphans due to war and AIDS, with more than 50% of the population under 15 years old. Lacking provision, northern communities struggle to access healthcare, education and basic services to meet the needs of children and families. This summer, you will provide and fit eyeglasses, changing the lives of people with poor eyesight, who will see clearly for the first time. Jesus came to bring sight to the blind – and He wants to work through you this summer. You will all see God at work in Uganda, providing through your work.

After training at Boot Camp in **Tewantin**, QLD, you will fly from **Brisbane** International Airport to **Dubai**, then to **Entebbe**, right by the shore of **Lake Victoria**, the largest lake in Africa. From here, you will travel to **Koboko** in northern Uganda. Look out for monkeys, elephants, antelope and giraffes as you go! You may find many fascinating souvenirs in your travels – carvings, drums, bags, jewellery and national clothing. At your site, you will develop facilities for outreach programs, including the AIDS Orphans Rescue Unit. Not only will your team be addressing medical needs, you will be able to reach out to refugees and locals through the message of the Gospel in drama, music and puppets. Uganda hosts Africa's largest number of refugees, and thousands more pour over its borders each year. You will be trained and equipped during your time at Boot Camp for all of your projects - where God guides, He provides! **Do you want to see that this summer?**

CHURCH



Get ready for *burritos* and *amigos* under the Mexican sun! With more than 50% of children living in poverty and corruption all around, it is easy for anyone to feel powerless and without hope in this nation. This summer, you have a chance to display the power and hope that God has given you, to the people you meet. After your training at Boot Camp in **Tewantin**, QLD, you will fly from **Brisbane** International Airport to **Sydney**, then on to **Mérida**, **Mexico** via the **US**. Here, you will begin building an interdenominational church for a local community on the **Yucatán Peninsula**, a short bus ride from where you will be staying at **Camp Porvenir**. Work at your lodging site will also keep you busy, as the campsite

looks to extend their ministry. Opportunities abound to meet with these people, and encourage and share about Jesus. If you don't speak Spanish, now is the perfect time to start learning! But actions speak louder than words – and will cross any language barrier. You have an opportunity to show the love and kindness of God through your work, commitment and attitude as you serve this summer. While here, you may visit the ancient Mayan city of **Chichen Itza** and see its pyramid, or spend time in the markets bartering for local goods such as traditional hammocks, bags or ponchos – a bonus to the fellowship and adventure that awaits you on this team. *You* have the power to reach out and change the world! **Will you use it?**

YOUTH CENTRE



Escape the summer heat and travel to a land of snow-topped hills, lakes and lush green meadows. While Christianity has a rich history in **Scotland**, less than 2% of young people are actively involved in faith today. Unless something changes, the church will soon be *only* history in this nation. You can be a part of that change. After your training at Boot Camp in **Tewantin**, QLD, you will fly from **Brisbane** Int'l Airport to **Abu Dhabi**, then on to **Edinburgh**, the nation's capital. From here, you will travel to **Arbroath**, where you will be lodged at the **Windmill Christian Centre**. Your team will be involved in renovating this centre during the week. Here, young believers learn to study

and teach from their Bibles, as well as be trained in evangelism and leadership. The centre provides a space for other local charities to work to influence their community for God's glory. On the weekends, you will partner with a local house church to reach the lost and witness to the full life found in Christ. With a mental health crisis, and the use of drugs and alcohol on the rise, young people in the streets of Scotland are lost and searching: you will bring the much needed hope of the Good News through dramas and outreach presentations. During your stay, the brave of heart may have opportunity to sample haggis – a traditional savoury dish made with sheep's offal, onions, oatmeal and spices, cooked up in an animal's stomach. You may also get to see **Glamis Castle** featured in Shakespeare's play *Macbeth*, listen to bagpipes or purchase kilts and tartans. Scotland needs young people who will share their faith and show what "life to the full" looks like. **Will you live out your faith this summer?**

ORPHANAGE



In this very spiritual nation, many are seeking enlightenment: here is your opportunity to bring the true light of the Gospel to **Nepal**. Home to 8 of the 10 highest mountain peaks in the world, including **Mount Everest**, many travelers venture to the Himalayas each year. You can expect a different kind of mountain-top experience this summer as you venture with a different purpose. After your training at Boot Camp in **Tewantin**, QLD, you will fly from **Brisbane** International Airport to **Singapore**, then straight on to **Kathmandu**, Nepal's capital. From there you will travel by bus to your project site near **Urlabari**, where you will stay at

an orphanage and lay the foundation and build the first floor of another new orphanage. You will see why this ministry needs to expand. Concreting and bricklaying aren't the only skills you'll be trained in for this team however. Smiles abound when children play after school is out – countless opportunities for children's ministry wander right to your door! Earthquakes in 2015 devastated the lives of millions of children in Nepal, leaving many homeless, orphaned and at risk of trafficking. The "aftershocks" of these earthquakes are not over, though they have long left the top of our newsfeeds. Do you have energy to work and a passion to share the love of God with children using drama, music and puppets? See Jesus at work and do something that counts in this mostly unreached nation! Surrounded by India and China, you will see the beauty of many cultures in both the bustling cities and primitive villages of Nepal, as well as the spectacular views of lofty mountains and countless rice fields. Bartering awaits you in the marketplace; elephants roam through the jungles; and the mountains are calling. **Will you go?**



SCHOOL



Vanuatu 1905

Are you ready for a Pacific island adventure to challenge and excite you? Are you ready for tropical jungles, coconuts and the sparkling bright blue ocean? **Vanuatu** awaits – but don't let this stunning paradise fool you into thinking this summer will be relaxing – important work lies ahead! Rich in culture yet one of the poorest nations in the Pacific, education resources are limited in these islands and solid Bible teaching is needed to ground local believers in truth. After finishing your training at Boot Camp in **Tewantin**, QLD, you will fly from **Brisbane** International Airport to **Port Vila**, then on to the Island of **Pentecost** – home of the first Bungee Jump!

From there you will travel to your project site in **Waterfall Village**, where you will be housed in dorms. The needs here will keep you busy this summer, renovating classrooms to improve access to education, as well as replacing the roofs of buildings. This team needs many hands to make light work! Most of the islanders live in small villages on Pentecost; trekking through these communities with drama, music and puppets is just one way you will draw a crowd of children to hear the Gospel. While you may escape to hidden waterfalls in the evening to cool off after a hot day's work, and enjoy spectacular sunsets, Vanuatu needs people who are looking for more than a holiday to pristine beaches, resorts and bustling markets. Vanuatu needs people who will love their communities as their own, who will encourage and strengthen local Christians through their hard work, and share the love of God any chance they get. You can do that. **Will you do that?**



Come join us for another summer adventure...

Go make a difference, and have fun doing it!

Are you over 21 (FTM's 18)?
What are you doing this summer?
Do something of **ETERNAL** value!
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look as epic
as this!

