



Tennant Creek
Christian Family
Church

CONNECT

SEPTEMBER 2024

CHURCH PROGRAMS

We have a number of church programs happening each week. Look inside to familiarise yourself with what is taking place.

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MISSIONS GIVING

Our church gives financial support to various people and ministries every month. Look inside to see what we give towards.

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MISSIONARY UPDATE

Mikaela Geno has written another update of her missionary service in Papua New Guinea. See her update inside!

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WELCOME

Welcome to this month's edition of Connect News.

In August we had a special visit from Pr Somanathan, our national CRC leader in Sri Lanka. He came to Adelaide to visit Pr Barry and Rosalie Silverback, and to minister at Adelaide Christian Centre. During his time here, we held a dinner for supporters of our work in Sri Lanka. It was a great night!

Following on from Pr Somanathan's visit, I would like to extend a big thank you to our church in Tennant Creek for your generous support towards Bethel Children's Home and Door of Hope Preschool in Sri Lanka.

I would also like to thank you for your

support towards Benjamin and Asinate who are serving as missionaries in Vanuatu. They were in Fiji for a few weeks recently while their visas were renewed. They have since returned to Vanuatu on new four year visas.

I travelled to Fiji at the end of August for our CRC National Conference. I was only there for a few days but I had a great time catching up with everyone. We had a really good time of ministry and prayer.

In September Pr Neil Milne, Kelly and I will be going to Papua New Guinea (PNG) for our Global Trainers' Conference. Pr Neil is our keynote speaker for the event. Kelly is in PNG at the time of writing this welcome. She went towards the end of August to get a start on some work in the finance office.

Pr Mike Groom

MISSIONS

Benjamin and Asinate Wari
TCCFC commits \$100 per month

Benjamin and Asinate Wari are serving as missionaries in Vanuatu. Benjamin is from Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Asinate is from Fiji.

They are doing a great job ministering to the community they are located in. In March 2024 they began a preschool on the property they are living on - Bethel Christian Preschool Banban. In the same month they also began a church - Banban Christian Centre.

Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they lead these two new ministries in Vanuatu. It is a privilege to support them as a church.

Bethel Children's Home
TCCFC commits \$200 per month

Bethel Children's Home has been in operation since 1998. All of the children come from the Tamil minority ethnic group that has been discriminated against for many years. The children in our homes have been displaced for a number of reasons. Our homes provide children with a safe environment where they are given access to many opportunities that assist them in their development. TCCFC sponsors two children, David and Manju.

Door of Hope Preschool
TCCFC commits \$100 per month

Door of Hope Preschool is located in Vavuniya in the north of Sri Lanka. It is predominantly made up of Tamil speaking children.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Cleaning and Children's Ministry

We are in need of volunteers to help clean the church and assist in our children's ministry. If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please speak to Pr Jeremiah or Delia.

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY Tuesday Nights

Everyone is welcome to join us at church for prayer and Bible study on Tuesday nights. The nights begin at 6:30pm. If you need a ride to and from church please contact Pr Jeremiah or Miriam and they will organise a ride for you.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY Thursday Nights

All ladies are invited to join us for Bible studies at church on Thursday nights. Our Bible studies begin at 6:30pm. If you would like any further information, or if you need a ride, please contact Pr Jeremiah or Miriam.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Friday Nights and Sunday Mornings

Our youth are welcome to join us at church on Friday nights at 6:30pm. Our children are welcome to join us on Sunday during the church service. If you would like to help out please speak to Ebony (youth) or Delia (children).



MISSIONARY UPDATE

It has been quite a while since I wrote an update of my time here in Papua New Guinea (PNG). This year is going very quickly and our schedule has been full!

When Chrioni and I returned to PNG from Adelaide in June, I went straight into two weeks of English teaching with our preschool teachers in training. I really enjoyed my time with them all. This year we have a larger number of students compared to previous years. I had 18 students in my class and although I found it a bit difficult to keep track of them all at times, I had a great time lecturing.

In June and July, I also had opportunities to lecture in Bethel Bible School (BBS). In June I taught 'Why I Believe in Missions' to our first-year students. I shared from the teaching notes, but also included my own experiences and lessons I've learnt along the way. I had fun teaching, and it was nice to meet some new people.

The next subject I taught was 'Public Speaking' to the second-year students. I taught this subject last year so I was already familiar with it. I also taught the second-year students last year when they were in their first year of BBS.

On Sunday 30th June, I had an opportunity to preach in our Pidgin and English Sunday morning services. I shared a two-part sermon on the Great Commission. The first part surrounded our obligation towards the Great Commission. The second part focused on how the same God is Lord over all.

This was my first time preaching at Bethel Tabernacle of Praise Church during the morning service. I thought I would be nervous, but I ended up feeling quite confident. I look forward to more opportunities to preach and teach.

At the start of July we celebrated 52 years of the Christian Revival Crusade in PNG. In last month's Connect News there was an article and pictures detailing this great event. It was nice to have mum, dad and Pr Barry here for the celebration.

During the 52nd Anniversary, I had an opportunity to speak to different Sunday school leaders throughout PNG. We had a small group attend the presentation, but it was very encouraging. I showcased what we have introduced in Bethel Sunday School and spoke about the idea of holding Sunday school teacher training workshops in the future. The response was very supportive.

On Tuesday 16th July, I was asked to lead the missions prayer meeting at Bethel Centre. My country of focus was Australia. I did a presentation on Australia, with a specific focus on Tennant Creek. We prayed over various prayer points and we also placed a focus on our missionaries serving out in the field.

The beginning of August was a busy time for me. I spent most days at my computer trying to complete as much work as possible. July is my busiest month for my CRC Missions finance role, and I had a few tasks that carried on into August.

I've been struggling a bit with balancing all of my different responsibilities. In addition to CRC Missions finances and our projects under Global Development



Group, I'm doing some work for our churches back at home and I'm running Bethel Sunday School here in PNG. Other tasks pop up here and there, including lecturing in the training schools.

I enjoy all of the work that I'm doing, but I do feel like I'm a bit lost in the wind sometimes. I have been trying to work on my time management and some days feel a lot better than others, but it's still a bit of a challenge trying to balance everything and not fall too far behind.

My brother Josh and his wife Vien came to visit mid-August. Josh came as a reserve player for the PNG Open. Unfortunately, he didn't get to play because not enough people dropped out, however, we had a great time with them. It always hits different when people come to visit us here in PNG.

The day they arrived I was feeling a bit under the weather. I thought I was just tired, but I woke up the following day with a fever. I still went to the golf course because I had been looking forward to visiting it again for months! The fever went away and came back at night. The following day I went to the doctor again to see if anything was wrong.

I bet you'll never guess what my results showed. I had dengue fever again - what are the chances? I think my body must be used to dengue fever now or something because this was by far the easiest case to go through. I didn't feel too sick, and I didn't have any symptoms since that one day of fevers. Praise the Lord!

While Josh and Vien were here we celebrated the engagement of Stanis and Aileen. Stanis and Aileen completed

World Missions Faith Training School and Bethel Bible College some years ago. Aileen has also completed Bethel Preschool Teacher Training College and she works very closely with me in Bethel Sunday School. Following their graduations from their courses, Stanis and Aileen have committed to serving at Bethel Centre. Their engagement was held on Saturday 17th August.

On Sunday 18th August we had a big dinner at the church. It marked the closing of our 52nd anniversary celebrations of Christian Revival Crusade in PNG. We spent the night serving food to all of the guests. Josh and Vien were still here, and they were also involved. It was great fun having them with us throughout the night.

At the end of August, mum arrived in PNG. She is here for the Global Trainers' Conference (GTC), but she came a week early to do some work in the finance office. She is still here at the time of writing this report and I have enjoyed my days working at the same desk as her once again! Dad and Pr Neil will arrive at the start of September for GTC.

Bethel Sunday School is going well. We concluded our series on 'Heroes of the Bible', and we began our 'Global Missions' series. We will be leading the Father's Day Service and we will also hold a Family Service at the end of the year so we have a bit to prepare for in between our regular lessons.

Thank you to everyone who is praying for me and supporting me.

Mikaela Geno



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Service Times: 10:00am and 6:30pm

GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Bank Transfer

Account Name: Tennant Creek Christian Family Church

BSB: 065 005

Account Number: 1076 8547

Reference: Missions or Tithes

Clearly add in the description if your offering is for tithes or missions.

Option Two: Sunday Offering

Missions: Please place your missions giving into an envelope. Write missions on the front and place into the offering.

Tithes: Please place your tithes in the general offering.

OTHER CHURCH LOCATIONS

Adelaide Christian Centre

Address: 27-33 Sturt Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Web: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au

Service Times: 10:00am and 5:30pm

New Life Christian Centre

Address: 105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach, SA 5165

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.au

Service Times: 10:00am and 5:30pm

Faith Center Church

Address: 115 Worley Lane, Walhalla SC 29691, United States

Facebook: www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla

Service Time: 10:00am