

# CONNECT

DECEMBER 2024 AND JANUARY 2025

## 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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## GRADUATION IN PNG

Bethel Christian Preschool Tokarara held their first graduation last month. We have included a report of the event.

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## TRAINING IN PNG

Bethel International Training College is located in Port Moresby, PNG. Pictures and an update are inside.

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# WELCOME

Welcome to our combined December/January Connect News.

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I trust you will all stay safe throughout the festive season and that you will thoroughly enjoy all that you have planned with friends and family.

We have had a fantastic year across our four churches. We have had a number of exciting events throughout the year and we are looking forward to all that 2025 has to offer.

In November I travelled to Papua New Guinea for a few days to check up on Bethel's Bathroom Project. The work is progressing well and it was encouraging

to see. I had a productive trip and I look forward to seeing more progress next time I visit.

Our church in Tennant Creek has had an ongoing need for vehicles. In 2022, I drove the old Adelaide Christian Centre church bus to Tennant Creek. This bus has been, and continues to be, a great blessing to the church and its various programs. However, it is getting old and it cannot handle some of the transport demands of the church.

We put in for a grant through the NT government to receive a free ex-government vehicle and we were successful. Praise God! This vehicle will assist the church and its ministry programs greatly.

Blessings,  
**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).

# PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Bethel Christian Preschool (BCP) Tokarara held their first ever graduation for their cohort of pioneering students. BCP Tokarara is located in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG) on the grounds of Bethel Christian Centre.

The preschool began in April 2024. Our head teacher and assistant teacher are graduates of our preschool teacher training program in PNG. The graduation was a fantastic occasion and it is very encouraging to see our preschool program expanding across the South Pacific.

This year, 25 students were enrolled in the preschool. 14 of these children graduated as they will move onto primary school next year. The remaining 11 are four year olds who will do another year of preschool before moving on. All of them received certificates during the graduation; either a Certificate of Completion or a Certificate of Participation.

Pr Mike Groom was in PNG at the time as he was following up the Bethel Bathroom Project. The preschool team decided to hold the graduation during his visit so he could be the guest speaker.

Thank you to everyone for your support of our preschool program in the South Pacific. Across our churches, we are supporting our preschools in Fiji, PNG and Vanuatu. What a fantastic ministry to be part of!





# TRAINING IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Bethel International Training College (BITC) is located on the grounds of Bethel Christian Centre (BCC) in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG). BITC has four full-time, live-in courses.

This year we have six students enrolled in Frontier Evangelism Institute. They will graduate with an accredited Certificate in Evangelism and Church Planting.

We have nine students enrolled in World Missions Faith Training School. They will receive an accredited Certificate in Missiology.

We have three students enrolled in Bethel Bible College. Students can only join this course after they one of our Certificate courses. They will graduate with an accredited Diploma in Theology and Ministry.

We have 17 students enrolled in Bethel Preschool Teacher Training College. They will receive a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care. During their course, they undertake practical experience in Bethel Christian Preschool Tokarara.

We have been raising funds for the Bethel Bathroom Project to assist in much needed upgrades to our facilities at BCC. Improved bathroom facilities will allow us to house more people on the property, leading to a greater number of students being accepted into BITC. If you would like to give towards this project, please speak to Pr Jeremiah.



## ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: [www.tccf.com.au](http://www.tccf.com.au)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/tennantcreekchristianfamilychurch](https://www.facebook.com/tennantcreekchristianfamilychurch)

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## 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](http://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](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla)

Service Time: 10:00am