



CONNECT

NOVEMBER 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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USA REPORT

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom, along with Tom Lee travelled to the USA recently to prepare for Vision Equip Training College.

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MISSIONARY UPDATE

Mikaela Geno has written an update of her missionary adventures in Papua New Guinea. Have a look inside.

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WELCOME

Welcome to this month's edition of Connect News. I trust you are all doing well and that you are enjoying having Pr Jeremiah, Delia and Nelliewinnie back with you after their time away.

Kelly and I travelled to the USA in November. You can read all about our trip on the following pages. We had a great time with our church family there. We accomplished a lot during our visit.

In November we are raising funds for bathroom and laundry facilities at Bethel Christian Centre in Papua New Guinea (PNG). If you would like to give towards this great cause, please speak to Pr Jeremiah or you can give through our regular offering. Please reference all offerings - 'Bethel Bathroom Project'.

We are aiming to raise \$10,000 across our four churches. I will be heading to PNG in November to see how the project is tracking along. I will include a report in the next Connect News about the progress.

This month, we are continuing with our series 'Getting to Know the Holy Spirit'.

Sunday 3rd November
Promise of the Holy Spirit

Sunday 10th November
Jesus' Relationship with the Holy Spirit

Sunday 17th November
Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Sunday 24th November
Keeping in Step with the Holy Spirit

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).

USA REPORT

Kelly, Tom and I arrived in Walhalla, South Carolina on the 16th of October after a long trek from Adelaide. The next day we commenced a big clean up and clean out, in preparation for setting up our upcoming Vision Equip Training College.

We worked for a week, sorting through the college training rooms, offices, dining hall, kitchen and storage rooms. Three skip bins and many hours of work later, we were successful in what we set out to do. A huge effort by Tom, Jethro, Nathan, Kathleen, Pr Warwick and Pr Omega. We are ready to prepare a website and promotional material to advertise for student enrolments.

It was great seeing the Hughes family and the congregation at Faith Center Church. Kelly shared with the ladies on the Friday night and the men had a men's brekky the following week. We enjoyed the Sunday services, focussing on our series, 'Getting to Know the Holy Spirit'.

The Sagun family joined us in Walhalla, as did Gabriel Manego and Lee-Ann Nilo, getting ready for Stephen and Shekinah's wedding. It was a privilege to attend their ceremony and we all enjoyed celebrating at their reception, held on a beautiful golf course at Clemson University.

On our way back to Australia, Kelly and I spent three days with Dr Stan and Joan DeKoven in California, catching up and strategising for our training courses in Adelaide, Port Moresby and Walhalla.

A big thank you to the Hughes family and the wonderful folk at Faith Center Church for their hospitality and friendship.



Before and After



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MIKAELA GENO UPDATE

What you will read below is a condensed version of my full September and October update. If you would like the full version, please speak to Pr Mike.

September began with Bethel Sunday School running the Father's Day service. It was a successful morning, and all the children did a fantastic job. We didn't spend many weeks practicing, so I was very proud of how everything turned out.

Mum travelled to Papua New Guinea at the end of August and dad joined us at the beginning of September. Pr Neil Milne arrived the day after dad and they went straight into the Global Trainers' Conference. Mum and dad stayed for one week after the conference. I enjoyed having them around once again.

In September I began teaching English via Zoom for our staff and children at Bethel Children's Home in Sri Lanka. I'm teaching the staff on Mondays from 2:30-3:30pm my time, and the children on Thursdays from 8:00-9:00pm. We have been learning the sounds of English. It's so good seeing them every week.

Bethel Sunday School is going well. We finished our theme on Global Missions in October and moved onto preparations for our end-of-year Family Service. We will hold the Family Service during the evening service on Sunday 24th November. We have an exciting program planned and I'm looking forward to it.

I spent four weeks in October lecturing full-time. The first two weeks were a

combined class for three of our full-time courses: Frontier Evangelism Institute (FEI), Bethel Bible College (BBC) and Bethel Preschool Teacher Training College (BPTTC). There were 26 students in total. I taught 'Administration and Financial Management in Preschool and Church Settings'.

I really enjoyed the lessons even though it was a bit full on. On Mondays and Thursdays, I lectured in the morning, afternoon and evening. On Tuesdays and Fridays, I taught until lunchtime. On Wednesdays, I lectured in the morning and afternoon. I tried to cover a range of topics, with a lot of time spent on practical tasks. It was great fun, and the students gave a lot of positive feedback.

After two weeks of the combined class, I spent two weeks teaching the FEI students English. We covered a range of grammar items. There are only six students in this course, so I was able to get to know each one a bit better. The smaller number of students enabled me to assess their levels of English more effectively. They all did so well and picked up on our topics very nicely.

At the end of November, Chrioni's parents, Chrioni and I are heading to Lalaura for two weeks. Lalaura is Chrioni's dad's village, and it is located in Central Province. We are extremely excited for this trip! It will be my first time venturing a good distance outside Port Moresby.

After our trip to the village, we will return to Port Moresby for a few days before Chrioni and I fly to Adelaide for several weeks over December and January.

Thank you very much for your prayers and ongoing support.

ONLINE PRESENCE

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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

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