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GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME

Welcome to our September edition of Sturt Street News!

We have a significant amount of missions content included in this edition which is awesome! Be sure to read through the report from our ladies who went to Sri Lanka, the article about our teacher training workshop and national conference in Fiji, as well as an update on Viema and Ilisoni Vakacegu and the Hughes family.

September is a busy month for our church with our New Arrivals Dinner, Food and Fun Day and more! Make sure you look through all of our upcoming events and remember all of the relevant dates.

Ps Mike Groom

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Our Team

Lead Pastor: Ps Mike Groom
Associate Pastor: Ps Gregg Manego
Children: Sturt Street Kids Team
Youth: Empower Team
Young Adults: Engage Team
Seniors: Peter Chigwidden
Finance: Kelly Groom
Administrator: Marita Mabulac
Adelaide City Care: Ps Gregg Manego
Elders Team: Ps Mike Groom, Ps Gregg Manego, Ps Neil Milne, Hew Barnard Brown, Lin Andrews and Ian Wood

ABOUT US

We are a city-based Pentecostal church. We gather every Sunday, as people of all ages from all walks of life, to celebrate God and to experience a powerful message, teaching truths from the Bible. Our gatherings are relaxed with friendly people, modern music and media presentations. You are more than welcome to join us any Sunday at our 10am gathering.

Vision

To be a Christ-centred community of believers who obey the Great Commission

Mission

Empowering people for life change

Strategy

Engage people with Jesus
Establish people into faith
Equip people for service
Empower people to serve

Generous Giving

Tithes and Offerings

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Missions Offerings

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Adelaide City Care Donations

Tax Deductible Donations
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UPCOMING EVENTS

1 Fathers' Day Service Sunday 2nd September

Be sure to join us on the first Sunday in September as we come together to celebrate Fathers' Day. There will be a number of special segments taking place during the service. Don't forget to invite your fathers and grandfathers!

2 Celebration Sunday Sunday 9th September

Join us at our 10am service as we celebrate our Adelaide Christian Schools. A special Temple Christian College band will be leading our morning worship service. Members of ACS will be leading the service.

3 Prayer and Praise Night Thursday 13th September

Our next Prayer and Praise Night will begin at 7pm at church. This is a church-wide event and all connect groups are encouraged to attend. Join with us as we come together in prayer and worship.

4 Men's Event Sunday 16th September

It has been a long time since we have held a men's event. Meet us at Marion Bowland at 5:30pm. Please bring along \$15 to cover yourself for the event. This price includes two games and shoe hire.

5 Ladies' Night Thursday 20th September

Our next ladies night will be held at San Churros Marion from 7:30pm. All ladies are welcome to come along. Registration is not necessary so just turn up whenever you can! Come along for coffee, dessert and a chat.

6 New Arrivals Dinner Saturday 22nd September

Our next New Arrivals Dinner will be held this month. If you would like to volunteer to help out on the night please contact the church office. We really appreciate everyone who can lend a hand.

7 Food and Fun Day Saturday 29th September

Our next Food and Fun Day will be held at the end of September. The event will run from 4pm until 6pm. This is a free event and everyone is encouraged to invite friends and family along to connect with the new arrivals.

8 Sturt Street Kids Family Service Sunday 30th September

Our Sunday service will take a different spin as our Sturt Street Kids team will be leading it! Come along and join in the fun as our junior band leads worship and our children perform various items.

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MEN'S EVENT

Sunday 16th September

ATTENTION ALL MEN!

We are finally holding another men's event!

On Sunday the 16th of September all men are invited to join us at Marion Bowland.

We have made a booking for 5:30pm so please be sure to show up on time.

The cost of the event is \$15 each. This covers two games and shoe hire.

Registration for this event is required! Please register at the info desk after one of our Sunday services or by emailing the church office (office@sturtstreet.com).

Marion Bowland is located in Westfield Marion on the lower level.

LADIES' NIGHT

Thursday 20th September

ATTENTION ALL LADIES!

We have not forgotten you!

On Thursday the 20th of September all of our ladies are invited to come along to San Churros in Marion to enjoy coffee, dessert and a chat.

We will be meeting at San Churros at 7:30pm.

Registration is not necessary so just turn up whenever you can!

San Churros Marion is located in Westfield Marion across from the TGIF restaurant.

Be sure to come along and join in the fun night!



CONNECT GROUPS

INFORMATION

Adelaide Christian Centre loves connect groups! We have a great number of people throughout the life of our church attending a small group on a regular basis.

We believe that life change happens best in small groups, through accountability, a sense of belonging and knowing that others care.

Hebrews 10:24-25 says: *Let us consider how we may spur one another on to love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together. Let us encourage one another.*

Day Time Groups

Group: Ladies (Fortnightly)
Location: Valleyview
Leader: Libby Larochelle
Phone: 0410 531 832

Monthly Groups

Group: Seniors (3rd Thurs of month)
Location: Adelaide Christian Centre
Leader: Peter Chigwidden
Phone: 0407 398 988

Youth and Young Adults

Group: Empower Youth (12-17)
Location: Adelaide Christian Centre
When: Tuesday nights
Time: 7-8:30pm

Group: Engage Young Adults (18-25)
Location: Adelaide Christian Centre
When: Tuesday nights
Time: 7-8:30pm

Evening Groups

Location: Hallet Cove
Leader: Don Datu
Phone: 0451 151 509

Location: Ingle Farm
Leader: Angelito and Marycel Gatdula
Phone: 0402 644 117

Location: Marion
Leader: Emil Sagun
Phone: 0438 277 990

Location: Mt Barker (Fortnightly)
Leader: Nohn Cubio
Phone: 0439 921 890

Location: Seacombe Gardens
Leader: Rommel Verain
Phone: 0435 747 343

Location: Rosewater
Leader: Liway Cotton
Phone: 0447 616 536

Location: Newton (Fortnightly)
Leader: Brian Mortimer
Phone: 0434 360 257

Location: Allenby Gardens
Leader: Ps Mike Groom
Phone: 0400 560 501

Location: Northfield
Leader: Orville and Jessica Piol
Phone: 0430 618 489

Group: Enable
Location: Location varies
Leader: Vinnie and Margaux Miranda
Phone: 0430 333 370



NORTHFIELD CONNECT GROUP

The creation of the Northfield Connect Group may seem accidental to some but to everyone in this connect group, we believe it is part of God's plan. What started out as a casual conversation between friends and acquaintances about sharing God's word has developed into a fun, deeply committed and caring connect group. Our connect group is made up of young families with small children. Most members of our connect group are in the nursing and medical field. This makes it difficult to find a time to meet but with our commitment to making this connect group work, we are able to meet every fortnight on Saturday afternoons.

In this connect group we believe that God never intended for us to live the Christian life alone. After all, there are various references

in the Bible to 'one another', so how else can we put that into practice unless we are in intentional relationships with each other? That is why we strive to get close enough to know each other, to share our daily life, to confide and confess, to laugh and weep, to watch over each other and grow together, and of course, to eat together and have fun. We may come from different backgrounds but ultimately it is through interactive relationships that we will grow in our walk with the Lord together.

Some say that social media and technology have made our world more connected, however, it seems that people have fewer genuine friends than before. It may be because of too many distractions or even the busyness of life in general. But when we jump in and take the risk of being our true self with a small group of people, we are opening up the possibilities of experiencing God's grace and love through others.



GET TO KNOW FREDERICK TAN

Where are you originally from and how long have you been in Australia?

Good day everyone. My name is Frederick Tan and I am from the Philippines.

I arrived in Australia in 2013 and have since lived in Adelaide, South Australia with my wife Noralyn and gorgeous daughter Hannah.

What do you do with your time? Job/ Study?

I previously worked as a Customer Service Representative and as an IT Helpdesk Support Officer.

Currently my days are filled with laughter

and joy as a full-time carer of my young daughter.

If your family and friends had to describe you in three words what would those words be?

Those who know me say that I am an honest, jolly person and a man of few words. You can say that I am also a simple and carefree individual.

What is it like being a father?

Becoming a father has brought many changes to my life. Where previously I only thought about myself, now the needs of another person come before mine.

Being a first time father can be very daunting but I take comfort knowing that no one expects me to know exactly what to do.

Knowing too that Noralyn and I will be able to do this together is a comforting thought.

As the primary carer, I've learnt to appreciate that children really teach us the simplicity of life and how to find happiness in small things.

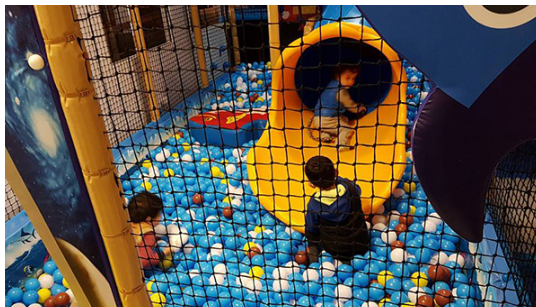
Fatherhood has opened my eyes to so many things, they may not necessarily be new but now I am seeing them through the eyes of my daughter. Now, everything is an experience I can learn from and take joy in.

As I journey to become the best father I can be, I know I can rely on family and friends to help me along the way.

I believe that being a great father is a continuing process which can only be perfected each day as I wake up and take that step towards a new day.



CHURCH MINISTRIES



PLAYGROUP

0-6 Years

Giggle Patch Playgroup runs every Wednesday morning from 10am-12pm at 27 Sturt Street during school terms. An indoor playground and a variety of other activities are available for children under 6 years of age.

Parents are encouraged to come along to enjoy some time together where they can create new friendships and continue to develop existing ones. The children are able to play together and have some fun.

Tea and coffee is provided for parents. Everyone is requested to please bring a gold coin donation. Giggle Patch Playgroup only runs during the school term and does not run during the school holidays.

If you would like any further information on Giggle Patch Playgroup or if you would like to volunteer, contact Raquel Edwards or the church office. You may contact the church office via email or by phone.

Email: office@sturtstreet.com
Phone: (08) 8212 2322



CRÈCHE

0-3 Years

Our crèche is open every Sunday morning during the service for all those aged 0-3 years. Parents are welcome to sign their kids in anytime from 9:45am and are asked to sign them out no later than 11:45am or whenever the service finishes.

Our crèche consists of an open space where children have access to a variety of fun toys, craft materials, books and more. Children also have the opportunity to enjoy our indoor playground!

Attached to our crèche is a feeding room for breast feeding mothers and babies. An audio link and a window looking out into the auditorium allows mothers to see and hear what is going on in the church service whilst they are using the room.

In term three our team will continue to run a fun biblical series made for toddlers called 'My Big Backyard'. They are taught that God is a good friend and shows them how they can be good friends too! The main character, Jack, faces some backyard dilemmas. With the help of a few backyard bugs, he learns how to be a good friend.



GROW

3-6 Years

Grow runs every Sunday during the school term throughout our morning service. Children aged three to six years are welcome to attend Grow where they engage in fun and age appropriate Biblical discussion and lessons.

Matthew 19:13-15 says: *Some children were brought to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. The disciples told them not to bother him. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." And he put his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.*

Children are important to Jesus.

Children were never a nuisance to Jesus.

Jesus was never too tired or busy to give Himself to anyone who needed Him.

Jesus enjoyed ministering to children.

Children's ministry is vital and a 'non-negotiable' for our church family to embrace.



ELEVATE

7-11 Years

Throughout term three Elevate will be continuing on with their curriculum on Bible Superheroes! There are so many Bible Superheroes to learn about so we are sure our children are in for another exciting term.

These Sunday school lessons are designed to encourage children to think of Bible Superheroes in the same way that they think of Spiderman and Superman.

The impression we want to leave children with is that Bible heroes can live in their hearts with an even more dynamic impact than today's superheroes.

Bible heroes are timeless and powerful because they are attached to the Living God, who does not change and does not slumber or sleep.

Our Elevate children will relate to the flaws and weaknesses of the superheroes when they are in their human state and will have precious memories to hold onto concerning what God has done in history—and what God can do in their lives.



EMPOWER

12-17 Years

We are the youth of Adelaide Christian Centre! We believe in the potential of every young person to be someone who can impact their world for good and for God.

You are welcome to join our Facebook group where we post all of our updated details and need-to-know information: www.facebook.com/groups/cityempower

September Events

Pancake Night

Friday 7th September

Vlogging Adventures

Friday 14th September

Moonlight Cinema

Friday 21st September

Food and Fun Day

Saturday 29th September

September Connect Groups

Tuesday 4th September
Tuesday 11th September
Tuesday 18th September
Tuesday 25th September

ENGAGE

18-25 Years

Engage Young Adults is aimed at all of those aged 18-25 years. Our activities are intended to create a sense of unity and friendship amongst all who attend.

We also run a weekly Tuesday night connect group from 7-8:30pm at 27 Sturt Street, Adelaide. This connect group combines with Empower Youth.

If you are between 18 and 25 years of age and you are interested in being involved please feel free to join us! We have a Facebook group where we post all of our updated event details and need-to-know information: www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet

September Event Dates

Sunday 9th September
Sunday 23rd September

September Connect Groups

Tuesday 4th September
Tuesday 11th September
Tuesday 18th September
Tuesday 25th September

SENIORS MINISTRY

50+ Years

Welcome to the seniors ministry of Adelaide Christian Centre!

Our seniors ministry aims to provide the senior members of our church with a challenging, inspiring and encouraging support network - a place where they can gather together to support one another and share life together.

Thank you to all those who gather regularly to build relationships, give encouragement and do life together.

September Event Details

Lunch at the House of Joan Laube

Thursday 13th September

All seniors are welcome to come to the home of Joan Laube at 10am for lunch. An interesting guest speaker will tell everyone about her latest overseas adventure.

For more details speak to Joan or Carolyn Jarrett. Please let Carolyn know if you will be attending.

EQUIP TRAINING COLLEGE

We are intentional about equipping effective followers of Christ and well-trained leaders who are able to lead others in life and ministry.

Equip Training College (ETC) has been designed specifically with the development of congregational members of ACC in mind. Therefore, its unique curriculum and desired outcomes are tailor made to fulfil the Biblical mandate as clearly stated in the book of Ephesians (4:11-12).

Students who successfully complete the Diploma in Ministry and Leadership will be qualified to enter into the Trainee Ministers Credentialing process with CRC Churches International if nominated by the senior leadership of ACC.

This year we have just under 30 people enrolled in Equip Training College (ETC).

Everyone is working on their fourth subject *Great Words of the Gospel*. The Doctrine of Salvation is clearly defined and expanded in *Great Words of the Gospel*. Questions regarding the process of salvation and its significance are answered in this subject.



ADELAIDE CITY CARE

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ABOUT US

Adelaide City Care is a not-for-profit organisation. The mission of Adelaide City Care is: *Empowering people for life change.*

As an arm of Adelaide Christian Centre, we are committed to supporting those who are new arrivals to South Australia. In 2006 this group was recognised as a potentially disadvantaged group. Our initiatives assist new arrivals to combat social isolation, foster social inclusion and increase their employability.

Through our programs we aim to help new migrants ease into their settlement in Australia, assimilate into the broader community, and improve their family lifestyle. Information is provided about assistance that is available including social welfare services, employment, housing, accommodation, banking and finance.

Give to Adelaide City Care

Our primary means of resources come from those who generously contribute to this part of our work. If you would like to help us please donate online by EFT:

Tax Deductible Donations

Adelaide City Care

BSB: 065005

Acc: 1009 3025

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Web: www.adelaidecitycare.com.au

PROGRAMS

Meet and Greet Service

New migrants are met at Adelaide Airport and transported to their accommodation. We help them settle into their accommodation and provide information about essential tasks that need to be done on arrival.

New Arrivals Dinner

A special dinner which is run four times a year to welcome new migrants to South Australia. Qualified consultants are invited to speak on housing and accommodation, employment, and finance and banking.

Food and Fun Day

A fun-filled day that runs three times a year. The event includes a self-serve meal, social interaction through table tennis, bouncy castles and other activities. This is a great way for new migrants to build relationships with members of the community.

Speak, Hear, Speak

Speak, Hear, Speak is an English class that runs every Tuesday evening during the school term. These classes provide free conversational English lessons to new arrivals and others who consider English as their second language.

Practical Assistance

Adelaide City Care provides additional practical assistance to the disadvantaged members of the community including new arrivals to South Australia regardless of their age, sex, ethnic background, religion, political beliefs and marital status.



UPCOMING EVENTS

1 New Arrivals Dinner Saturday 22nd September

Our next New Arrivals Dinner will begin at 5pm at 27 Sturt Street, Adelaide. The event will begin with information booths in the foyer. Dinner will begin at 6pm sharp.

This is a special dinner which is run four times a year to welcome new migrants to South Australia.

If you are a member of Adelaide Christian Centre and would like to volunteer to help out on the night please speak to Ps Gregg or Marita.

There are many ways that people of all ages can help out!

2 Food and Fun Day Saturday 29th September

Our next Food and Fun Day will begin at 4pm at 27 Sturt Street, Adelaide. The event will conclude at 6pm.

The event includes a self-serve meal, social interaction through karaoke, table tennis, bouncy castles and other activities.

This is a great way for new arrivals to build relationships with members of the community in a friendly atmosphere.

We have lots of fun activities planned. Everyone is more than welcome to invite their friends and families.



ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS



ABOUT US

A significant part of the mandate of our church is Christian Education. Leo Harris had a vision for Christian Education and plans were developed in 1976 and 1977 for a Christian School. Sunrise Christian School was founded in 1978 in Fullarton. A few years later Temple Christian College was founded as a sister organisation for high school students.

Adelaide Christian Schools (ACS) is an organisation that aims to oversee and support its schools ranging from Reception to Year 12 in co-educational settings and other training establishments. ACS is called to educate and train children in all aspects of life in such a way that God is seen to be the centre of everything - to be an extension of the Christian home, fulfilling the God-given mandate for parents to bring up their children in His ways.

The schools are governed by a Board with membership comprising individuals with vast experience and expertise from a variety of industry sectors. The Board works closely with Committees and Advisory Groups that have been established in each school community to engage with local leadership at a grass roots level, providing an opportunity for local input and expression.

OUR SCHOOLS

ACS governs and supports 11 schools. These schools comprise of approximately 2300 students and in excess of 250 staff. Each school offers its own distinctive qualities that focuses on the role of the family in education, character development and excellence in academics.

Australian Schools

Sunrise Christian School

- Fullarton, SA	R - 7	Est. 1978
- Paradise, SA	R - 7	Est. 1989
- Morphett Vale, SA	ELC - 7	Est. 1994
- Marion, SA	R - 12	Est. 2002
- Naracoorte, SA	R - 7	Est. 2005
- Whyalla, SA	ELC - 7	Est. 2009

Temple Christian College

- Mile End, SA	7 - 12	Est. 1983
- Paralowie, SA	7 - 12	Est. 2001

Discovery Christian College

- Agnes Water, QLD	3 - 10	Est. 2015
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International Schools

Sunrise Bethel Christian School

- Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Faith Christian School

- Walhalla, South Carolina, USA



CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday 9th September

Join us for our special Adelaide Christian Schools Celebration Service. The service will be held here at church from 10am and will include a number of special segments.

Our Temple Christian College band will lead the morning worship service. Our very own Empower Youth members leading the band.

Students from our Sunrise Christian School will perform some items for the congregation after the worship service.

Marcel Rijken, Principal of Temple Christian College Mile End, will be leading us in communion.

Kym Golding, CEO of Adelaide Christian Schools, will present an update of the schools along with our morning message.

A morning tea will be provided for everyone after the service out in Crusade Hall.

We would love for all of you to join us as we come together to celebrate Adelaide Christian Schools. This is a great event that we are running each year.

Adelaide Christian Schools is a fantastic ministry that we as a church are directly involved in. Many of the children and youth within our church go to one of our Temple Christian Colleges and Sunrise Christian Schools.

Feel free to invite your family and friends and we join together for a fun Celebration Sunday!



MISSIONS

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MONTHLY MISSIONS GIVING



Christian Education

	Fiji Islands	Bethel Preschools	\$300.00
	Papua New Guinea	Bethel Sunrise School	\$300.00
	U.S.A.	Faith Christian School	\$500.00
	Sri Lanka	Door of Hope Preschool	\$400.00




Helping the Needy

	Sri Lanka	Bethel Children's Homes & Farm	\$400.00
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Messengers to the Nations

	Papua New Guinea	Rachelle Hardy	\$200.00
	U.S.A.	Warwick and Omega Hughes	\$600.00
	World	Pastor Barry Silverback	\$1,000.00

Ministry Training

	Papua New Guinea	Bethel Bible College	\$300.00
	Papua New Guinea	Student Sponsorship Program	\$500.00
	India	Missions Training School	\$500.00

Other

	Sri Lanka	Colombo Building Project	\$100.00
	Australia	Indigenous Outreach	\$220.00

COMBINED TOTAL **\$5,320.00**

MISSIONS



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- 1 Bethel Preschools**
Fiji: \$300 per month
Tax Deductible Project Code: J352N

We currently have eight Bethel Preschools located around Fiji with over 200 children enrolled. Our support is allocated to the running of the preschools.

- 2 Sunrise Bethel Christian School**
PNG: \$300 per month
Tax Deductible Project Code: J573N

Based in Port Moresby, Sunrise Bethel Christian School is a non-denominational, co-educational school and is part of Adelaide Christian Schools.

- 3 Faith Christian School**
U.S.A: \$500 per month

Faith Christian School is located in Walhalla, South Carolina. It is an international member school of Adelaide Christian Schools which is a ministry of Adelaide Christian Centre.

- 4 Door of Hope Preschool**
Sri Lanka: \$400 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. Our support is allocated to the running of the preschool.

MISSIONS



HELPING THE NEEDY

- 1 Jonathan - Child Sponsorship**
Sri Lanka: \$100 per month
Tax Deductible Project Code: J982N

Jonathan was born in 2004 and has been in the home since 2009. His mother is unemployed and he doesn't know his father. He dreams of being an automobile engineer.

- 2 Aaron - Child Sponsorship**
Sri Lanka: \$100 per month
Tax Deductible Project Code: J982N

Aaron was born in 1999 and has been in the home since 2013. His father is both blind and dumb and his mother is working abroad. Aaron would like to become a pastor.

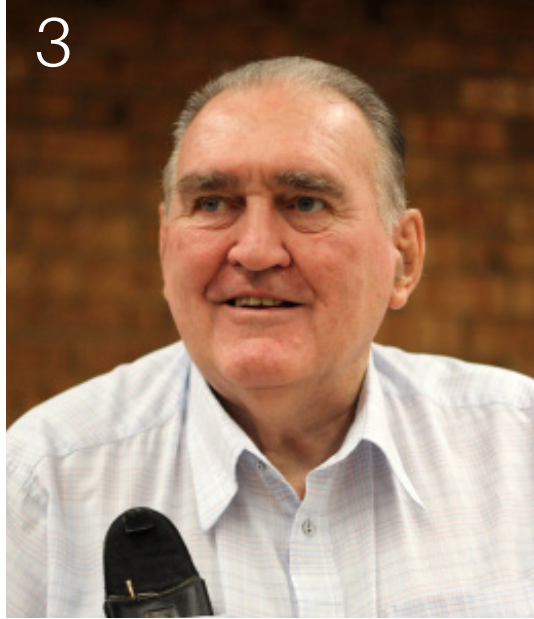
- 3 Angel - Child Sponsorship**
Sri Lanka: \$100 per month
Tax Deductible Project Code: J982N

Angel was born in 2006 and has been in the home since 2009. Her brother Jonathan is in the boys' home (above). Angel would like to become a doctor.

- 4 Sharon - Child Sponsorship**
Sri Lanka: \$100 per month
Tax Deductible Project Code: J982N

Sharon was born in 2002 and came to the home in 2014. Her father has passed away and her mother works as a farmhand. She would like to become an accountant.

MISSIONS



MESSENGERS TO THE NATIONS

1 **Rachelle Hardy** PNG: \$200 per month

Rachelle Hardy is a long serving CRC missionary. She is located in Port Moresby and oversees the Missions School. Rachelle travels regularly to India, giving leadership to the World Missions Faith Training School.

2 **Warwick and Omega Hughes** USA: \$600 per month

Warwick was a missionary in PNG for many years. He is married to Omega and they have two children. In August 2018 the family relocated to Walhalla, South Carolina so Warwick could become our senior pastor.

3 **Pastor Barry Silverback** World: \$1,000 per month

Pastor Barry Silverback is the CRC International Missions Director and is one of the longest serving members of Adelaide Christian Centre.

Pastor Barry travels extensively to many nations teaching, preaching and mentoring many. He truly is a 'father in the faith' to hundreds of people around the globe.

Pastor Barry is a pioneer and is presently pioneering a number of new initiatives to recruit, train and deploy new missionaries around the fields.

MISSIONS



MINISTRY TRAINING

1 **Purnima - Student Sponsorship** India: \$250 per month

Purnima is a graduate of the CRC World Missions Faith Training School in India. She has served in PNG, Fiji and is now back in India. We support her via the International Student Sponsorship Program.

3 **Bethel Bible College** PNG: \$300 per month

Our support assists in the training of men and women for ministry in PNG and beyond. Thousands of students have been trained and released into ministry through the Bethel training programs.

2 **Dipen - Student Sponsorship** PNG: \$250 per month

Dipen is a graduate of the CRC World Missions Faith Training School in India. He is currently serving at Bethel Centre PNG. We support him via the International Student Sponsorship Program.

4 **Missions Training School** India: \$500 per month

World Missions Faith Training School exposes men and women to the missionary mandate, informing, training, preparing and inspiring them to become missionaries around the world.



TAX DEDUCTIBLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Two of our CRC children's ministries have tax deductible projects running for the next three years. This is an exciting development and we are looking forward to seeing all that will be achieved within our preschools in Fiji and our children's homes in Sri Lanka.

A general overview of each project is included within the following columns. We have also included information for those of you who are looking to give tax deductible donations to the projects.

We appreciate all of your generous and ongoing support for our preschools and children's homes.

Fiji Preschools Development Project

Tax Deductible Project Code: J352N

Over the next three years we are embarking on a new project to improve Bethel Crusade Preschools for students, teachers and the local communities where our preschools are located.

The major objective of the new project is: *To have eight fully functioning preschools complete with facilities that meet government and OHS standards, trained and certified teachers, and sewing courses to empower mothers and other women in the preschool communities.*

If you would like any further information on the project please pick up a project booklet from the info desk or the table at the back of the auditorium.

Sri Lanka Displaced Children Development Project

Tax Deductible Project Code: J982N

We have launched a three year project for our children's homes to ensure ongoing development and greater sustainability.

The major objective for this project is: *To support and empower displaced children and young people through quality education (primary, secondary and tertiary), improved healthcare, adequate subsistence (food, clothing, accommodation, water, sanitation and recreation), a safe family-like living environment, and ongoing developmental support (physical, emotional, mental and intellectual).*

To discover more about the project please pick up a project booklet from the info desk or the table at the back of the auditorium.

Step 1: Direct Bank Deposit (online)

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SRI LANKA TRIP REPORT

Cate Cahillane

Last month Libby, Bonji and I had the privilege to travel to Sri Lanka with the purpose of running sewing classes with the staff and girls at our children's homes. Libby and I have done similar sewing trips before but this was a first for Bonji and none of us had been to Sri Lanka before.

On arriving in Colombo our first task was to stock up on all the supplies needed for the classes as there are limited resources available in Valaichchenai where the homes are. It was a mammoth effort to get everything we needed in one day's shopping. Shopping is very different in Sri Lanka – haggling is expected, shops are small and specialised, packed tightly floor

to ceiling with goods, with several customers being served at once. Also, we were mostly on foot through crowded narrow streets. It was a long day and Ps Somanathan was very gracious acting as our guide, negotiator and translator, enabling us to purchase all the items, including fabrics and sewing items to make up sewing kits for each of the students.

The next day we had an early start for the eight hour journey across the country to the children's homes. Once settled we set about checking out the sewing school and setting up for lessons. There is a dedicated building for the sewing school on the farm surrounded by king coconut palms, not far from the homes. It has a classroom, toilets, kitchens and storerooms with some sewing supplies already there - sufficient amenities for a live-in trainer. There are eight sewing machines. All but one are the old Singer treadle machines our grandmothers may

have used. Electronic pedals had been purchased for us to use and Bonji fitted these to all the machines – with plenty of power points, two overhead fans, two long cutting tables, iron and ironing board we were all set. There is also a three thread overlocker and a four thread industrial overlocker - all threaded and working.

The classes were attended by 17 girls, two staff from the girl's home and four boys – 23 students in all. Boys have opportunities for the tailoring trade in Sri Lanka, as we saw firsthand visiting a tailors shop in Valaichchenai. We had six days of instruction at the school, guiding them through how to use the items in their sewing kits, how to sew with their electrically-powered sewing machines, basic garment construction and a number of small sewing projects. They are enthusiastic learners, keen to finish their projects quickly and it was a challenge for us to keep up with

them, preparing new projects to keep them busy. Most of the children speak only in Tamil so we relied heavily on the staff and a couple of the older girls to translate for us. Skills of the children varied greatly, as you would expect, but it was pleasing to see some produce items with a neat professional finish and to encourage them with their ability.

Besides the sewing school we got to participate each night in the children's devotional time praising, praying and sharing God's word together. We enjoyed a late afternoon swim at a nearby beach, played basketball with the boys and on the last night the boys and girls combined for a fun night of games and gift giving to say farewell. They are happy children, a joy to be with and we miss them. We hope our efforts gave them some happy memories. We've definitely brought home wonderful memories of Sri Lanka.



PRESCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Sue Shemeikka

The preschool teacher training workshop was held at the Coral Coast Christian Camp at Pacific Harbour in Fiji on Tuesday the 21st of August 2018.

It was attended by approximately 25 teachers from Bethel Crusade Preschools across the country.

The main topic for the workshop was about children's learning and development, and how children learn during the preschool years. We focused on children's learning through all their experiences including play, routines and relationships.

We reviewed some development theories of learning, and how the principles can be applied when observing children and when planning in order to 'scaffold' further learning.

During the workshop we also looked at inclusive practices, and how to support every child's right to participate in a preschool program.

A small group activity had the teachers discussing 'reflective practice' and how this is critical in applying the Observation and Planning Cycle.

They were able to acknowledge the professional practices they were already applying in their planning and programming, and recognised the value of ongoing learning and professional development.

We also discussed the value of a preschool teachers' ability to inspire and role model a lifelong love for learning.

Toward the end of the session, the preschool teachers had an opportunity to share some experiences of good outcomes for children, and their families, who had attended their preschool centres.

I enjoyed the opportunity to get to know these dedicated and committed preschool teachers, and hear about the wonderful work they are doing in teaching and inspiring young children to learn and achieve their goals.

During the workshop we recognised that we are all learning from each other, and saw the value of shared knowledge and experiences.



CRC NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN FIJI

Ps Mike Groom

It was a rewarding time attending the CRC National Leaders Conference at the Coral Coast Christian Camp site at Pacific Harbour in Fiji from Wednesday the 22nd through to Friday the 24th of August.

Ps Barry Silverback, Ps Danny Parker (from Melbourne) and I shared with our CRC Fijian pastors and leaders. It was an enjoyable time together and it was nice to catch up with everyone again.

It was also wonderful to receive Ps Raju and Ps Richard and their four churches into the CRC in Fiji. Ps Barry and the CRC have

had a long-term relationship with Ps Raju in particular, and it was enjoyable meeting their leaders.

The CRC work in Fiji is going well with a new church plant in Nadi which has commenced under the leadership of Pastor Pritam and Faith Singh from our Sigatoka church. There are approximately 40 adults now attending the new church plant which is very encouraging.

We added a new member to the CRC Fiji National Team - Ps Samson Jeet, who pastors the church in Labasa. The National Team now consists of Ps Alipate Yagomate, as our National Chairman, Ps Pritam Singh, as Vice Chairman, and team members, Faith Singh, Ps Samson Jeet, Ps Barry Silverback, Ps Danny Parker and myself.

As a national team we are excited to announce our first female Minister's Credential that will be given to Faith Singh at her ordination in October this year. This is in recognition of Faith's outstanding faithfulness in her service in the work in Fiji. Faith is also our head teacher of our Sigatoka preschool and very much a key leader in the Sigatoka CRC church alongside her husband Ps Pritam.

During the conference we were able to pray for Viema and Ilisoni Vakacegu who will be moving to Papua New Guinea early next year. Refer to pages 34 to 35 for further information.

On a personal note it was nice to have Mikaela, my eldest daughter, accompany me on this trip. It was also enjoyable preaching in the Suva church at both the morning and evening services on Sunday the 26th of August.



VIEMA AND ILISONI VAKACEGU

We are currently creating an accredited preschool teacher training course that will be used to train our preschool teachers in Fiji. This is one of the goals under our Fiji Preschools Development Project and has been on our minds for a while now.

Sue Shemeika is putting this course together for us and is doing a fantastic job. We are very appreciative of all of the work she is doing for our Bethel Crusade Preschools in Fiji

In addition to offering this training in Fiji, we also want to offer this course in Papua New Guinea at Bethel Centre. This will be included as another one of the courses offered at Bethel Centre alongside the Bible and Missions School.

Existing preschool teachers and future preschool teachers will be sent to Bethel Centre from many nations to complete their training. We have already received interest from people in Vanuatu, Indonesia, India and Sri Lanka in addition to local students from Papua New Guinea.

This course will have accreditation in Fiji and will be sufficient for use in nations where the CRC has already established preschools and in other nations where preschools may be established in the future.

Our team at Bethel Centre are currently in the process of constructing a building that will be used for the preschool teacher training. This building will only be used for preschool training purposes and will be fully equipped with all of the necessary equipment needed. This is an exciting time and we are looking forward to the



completion of the building. It should be complete and ready for the course to begin running in the beginning months of 2019.

In order for this course to run efficiently we need an experienced trainer. Viema and Ilisoni Vakacegu have been approached and have agreed to move to Papua New Guinea at the beginning of 2019 with their two children. Viema will be our course coordinator and Ilisoni will complete Bible School at Bethel Centre, which has been a desire of his for a long time now.

Viema is currently our head preschool teacher in Suva. She has been involved in the preschool for 18 years. She has completed formal training and is a very gifted preschool teacher. Although she will notice a difference in training adults rather than small children, we are confident that she will do an excellent job training preschool teachers in Papua New Guinea.

Ilisoni has been working in the ministry for nine years and is a big help to the CRC work in Suva. He helps Ps Alipate and is part of the leadership team in Suva. He is also involved in the church worship team and is excited to become involved in the worship team at Bethel Centre. As a church we will sponsor Ilisoni under the Student Sponsorship Program during his time studying at Bethel Centre.

In addition to all of these roles, Viema and Ilisoni are in their second year of leading the CRC work in Lakena, a squatter settlement located just outside of Suva and it is also the location of one of our preschools. They have approximately 30 people attending the church in Lakena.

Please keep Viema, Ilisoni and their two children in your prayers as they prepare to relocate from Fiji to Papua New Guinea. This will be a challenging yet rewarding time.



FAITH CENTER CHURCH UPDATE

Ps Warwick Hughes

Our family left Papua New Guinea (PNG) on the 18th of July. We spent 19 days in New Zealand visiting family and friends before heading to Walhalla in the United States (USA). Waiting and maintaining patience prayerfully has been a challenge for us. It has been almost two years since we said yes to God's missionary call on our lives as a family to pastor Faith Center Church in Walhalla.

On the 6th of August we flew from Auckland to Los Angeles. We then caught a domestic flight to Atlanta followed by a two and a half hour drive to Walhalla in South Carolina. We were welcomed by some of the family of God from Faith Center Church in what was a tremendous welcome.

In our first week our boys settled in and then started school the following week on the 13th of August. We were tired from the travelling we had done and the change in temperature. We had been in New Zealand and temperatures were down to 6 degrees. Coming to Walhalla we are in temperatures of 22+ degrees and it is humid. It took some time for us to adjust as we all had our body clocks thrown out of routine. There is also about a 15 hours difference in time from PNG and New Zealand to Walhalla.

As a family we find the USA very different from PNG. There seems to be no lack for anything. The people are very loving and caring people, homes are big, and we are living in a big open property. The price of food and things is much cheaper here and there are many foods to choose from.

School for the boys is different, in particular in regards to the curriculum and coming

from a big school to a small school where there are not as many teachers and children. However, the boys have said the teachers here are very good at helping the children. Our biggest challenge has been leaving family, friends and loved ones and adjusting to the hours here in the USA, especially sleeping times.

On our first Sunday in Walhalla we were introduced to the church. We shared a testimony about our coming to Walhalla and encouraged the family of God. The welcome luncheon put on for us after the service was special to us as a family. We got to meet a good number of the congregation. The most people, including children, that we have had come to church this month is 36. People are responding well to the Word.

We had corporate prayer on Sunday the 26th of August for people that have been sick or facing challenges in their lives. One

lady's niece was sick with a fever that would not break. We prayed with this lady and that Sunday her niece was healed. We also prayed for a man who had fractured a bone in his foot. Since then he has been able to walk on his foot with no pain. Lastly, a lady that had swollen feet said the swelling went down after prayer and her feet are much better now.

We had been singing to recorded music in our Sunday services but on the 26th of August our worship team led us. We had missions Sunday on the 19th of August. We did an overview of our CRC missions work internationally.

During our second week in Walhalla we prayed for a congregation member over the phone for healing that was needed in his body. After praying for him he was healed. There is an excitement and positiveness in people's hearts rising here.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	30 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am SSK Family Service						1
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	9 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Celebration Sunday 12:00pm Engage Event	10 Office Closed	11 5:30pm Conversational English Course 5:30pm Finance Team Meeting 7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect Group	12 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup	13 10:00am Seniors Event 7:00pm Prayer and Praise Night	14 6:30pm Empower Youth	15
	16 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Morning Service 5:30pm Men's Event	17 Office Closed	18 5:30pm Conversational English Course 7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect Group	19 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup	20 5:30pm Elders Board Meeting 7:30pm Ladies Night	21 6:30pm Empower Youth	22 5:00pm New Arrivals Dinner
	23 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Morning Service 12:00pm Engage Event	24 Office Closed	25 5:30pm Conversational English Course 7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect Group	26 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup	27	28	29 4:00pm Food and Fun Day



Upcoming events

Celebration Sunday

Sunday 9th
September

10:00am

New Arrivals Dinner

Saturday 22nd
September

5:00pm

Food and Fun Day

Saturday 29th
September

4:00pm

SSK Family Service

Sunday 30th
September

10:00am