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## WELCOME

Welcome to our May edition of Sturt Street News! We are almost half way through 2019 and our church calendar shows no sign of slowing down anytime soon! Please have a careful look through this Sturt Street News to familiarise yourself with any upcoming events.

This month we are hosting the 2019 CRC State Conference at Adelaide Christian Centre. The Conference will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of May. We are looking for some volunteers to help with catering and cleaning during the conference. Please speak to Pr Gregg or Marita if you are happy to help out. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Bless you all,  
Pr Mike Groom

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### Our Team

**Lead Pastor:** Pr Mike Groom  
**Associate Pastor:** Pr Gregg Manego  
**Children:** Sturt Street Kids Team  
**Youth:** Empower Team  
**Young Adults:** Engage Team  
**Seniors:** Peter Chigwidden  
**Finance:** Kelly Groom  
**Administrator:** Marita Mabalac  
**Adelaide City Care:** Pr Gregg Manego  
**Elders Team:** Pr Mike Groom, Pr Gregg Manego, Pr 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

Adelaide Christian Centre  
BSB: 065005 Acc: 0090 3471

#### Missions Offerings

Adelaide Christian Centre  
BSB: 065005 Acc: 0090 3471

#### Adelaide City Care Donations

Tax Deductible Donations  
BSB: 065005 Acc: 1009 3025



## GENERAL INFORMATION



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1 Working Bee Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Please join us at our next church working bee. We have a range of jobs that need to be completed, including painting, work on the roof, general maintenance and cleaning. A sausage sizzle will be available for lunch.

### 2 Mother's Day Service Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Our service on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May will take a slightly different spin as we celebrate our mothers. Our service will include a few special items! Feel free to invite your mothers and grandmothers to our morning service.

### 3 CRC State Conference Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

The 2019 CRC State Conference will be held at our church. If you would like to volunteer with cleaning and catering please speak to Pr Gregg. Night meetings for the conference begin at 7pm and are open to all.

### 4 ACS Celebration Service Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Our service on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May will celebrate Adelaide Christian Schools. A band from Temple Christian College will lead our morning worship. Kym Golding will be preaching and Marcel Rijken will be leading communion.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

## BIBLE READING

**May 1:** Deuteronomy 1, Deuteronomy 2, 1 Corinthians 1, Psalms 112

**May 2:** Deuteronomy 3, Deuteronomy 4, 1 Corinthians 2

**May 3:** Deuteronomy 5, Deuteronomy 6, 1 Corinthians 3

**May 4:** Deuteronomy 7, Deuteronomy 8, 1 Corinthians 4

**May 5:** Deuteronomy 9, Deuteronomy 10, 1 Corinthians 5

**May 6:** Deuteronomy 11, Deuteronomy 12, 1 Corinthians 6

**May 7:** Deuteronomy 13, Deuteronomy 14, 1 Corinthians 7

**May 8:** Deuteronomy 15, Deuteronomy 16, 1 Corinthians 8

**May 9:** Deuteronomy 17, Deuteronomy 18, 1 Corinthians 9

**May 10:** Deuteronomy 19, Deuteronomy 20, 1 Corinthians 10

**May 11:** Deuteronomy 21, Deuteronomy 22, 1 Corinthians 11

**May 12:** Deuteronomy 23, Deuteronomy 24, 1 Corinthians 12

**May 13:** Deuteronomy 25, Deuteronomy 26, 1 Corinthians 13

**May 14:** Deuteronomy 27, Deuteronomy 28, 1 Corinthians 14

**May 15:** Deuteronomy 29, Deuteronomy 30, 1 Corinthians 15

**May 16:** Deuteronomy 31, Deuteronomy 32, 1 Corinthians 16

**May 17:** Deuteronomy 33, Deuteronomy 34, Psalms 89, Psalms 102, Psalms 103

**May 18:** Psalms 104, Psalms 105, Psalms 106, Psalms 107, Psalms 108

**May 19:** Psalms 68, Psalms 31, Psalms 111, Psalms 113, 2 Corinthians 1

**May 20:** Joshua 1, Joshua 2, 2 Corinthians 2

**May 21:** Joshua 3, Joshua 4, 2 Corinthians 3

**May 22:** Joshua 5, Joshua 6, 2 Corinthians 4

**May 23:** Joshua 7, Joshua 8, 2 Corinthians 5

**May 24:** Joshua 9, Joshua 10, 2 Corinthians 6

**May 25:** Joshua 11, Joshua 12, 2 Corinthians 7

**May 26:** Joshua 13, Joshua 14, 2 Corinthians 8

**May 27:** Joshua 15, Joshua 16, 2 Corinthians 9

**May 28:** Joshua 17, Joshua 18, 2 Corinthians 10

**May 29:** Joshua 19, Joshua 20, 2 Corinthians 11

**May 30:** Joshua 21, Joshua 22, 2 Corinthians 12

**May 31:** Joshua 23, Joshua 24, 2 Corinthians 13



# Connect Groups

## 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:** Gilles Plains  
**Leader:** Diane Taylor  
**Phone:** 0422 435 355

#### Monthly Groups

**Group:** Seniors (3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** Underdale  
**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



It means every member of the group must learn to communicate effectively, be open to share what they are going through in life and with some sense of accountability to the group.

Transparency requires honesty and openness. It builds trust and makes everyone feel engaged and committed to the vision and purpose of the connect group.

While there is a need for transparency, it also requires confidentiality. Only in the safe environment of warm acceptance and trusted confidentiality will people open up and share their struggles and shortcomings.

One of the most powerful and important attributes of authentic fellowship is humility. Learning to become humble helps build individuals. Humility is not about thinking less of ourselves; it is about thinking of ourselves less.

Because relationship takes time to establish, frequency is also important. We must have ongoing and regular contact with other group members outside our weekly connect group meeting.

In a relationship, slow is fast and fast is slow. To build a strong relationship, we need to slow down and spend some quality time together. The slower it gets (the more we spend time), the faster the relationship will grow.

Authentic fellowship is rare but the benefits of it far outweigh the costs of it all.

God Bless,  
**Pr Gregg Manego**

## CONNECT GROUP ARTICLE

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength and all your mind...Love your neighbour as you love yourself.” Luke 10:27

Love always compels us to do something worthwhile to others. Everything that we do must come out of our love relationship with God.

People are tired of fake fellowship and are really desiring an authentic fellowship and a loving community where they can be supported and grow in their own personal walk with the Lord.

What does this look like?

Authentic fellowship requires transparency.

# Church Ministries



## PLAYGROUP

### 0-6 Years

Giggle Patch Playgroup is back on for term two after a couple weeks break during the school holidays.

Our playgroup runs every Wednesday morning from 10am-12pm at 27 Sturt Street, Adelaide. It only runs during school terms, not during the holidays. 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.

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 via phone or email. Contact details for the church office can be found on page 3.

## 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.

We ask that all parents please assist us in keeping our crèche area clean and safe for young children. This space is for children three years and younger only. Whenever young children are in the crèche they need to be supervised. Please assist us in keeping our crèche tidy for those who use it by cleaning up after your children.

## GROW

### 3-6 Years

It is now May which means school holidays are over!

I hope everyone had a good break and that you are all ready to get back into kids church.

In May our Grow kids will be focusing on mothers. We are celebrating Mother's Day in May and so our kids will be learning about the amazing role our mothers play in our lives.

My challenge for this month is to thank your mum, even if she is heaven, and to pray for all of the amazing mums in our church.

Some ideas may be to stop an amazing mum when you see one and tell her she is doing an awesome job. Maybe you could also reach out to a mum and let her know she is doing a great job!

Thank you all for your prayers and support.

God Bless,  
**Cassie Beattie**

## ELEVATE

### 7-11 Years

Our Elevate kids had an awesome term one! We enjoyed a new curriculum, were lucky enough to have a successful sleepover and an awesome Family Service! We are so proud of our kids and the amazing efforts they put into everything in term one.

In term two we are moving onto new topics. In May our kids will be looking at the topics of PEACE and FAITH. We also have a playground visit planned for Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. All kids will need to submit a permission form prior to going to the playground.

At the end of term two we will be holding another sleepover and Family Service. Please keep Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June and Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June free so your children can be included in these fun and exciting events.

We encourage all of our Elevate parents to join our Facebook group. This is where we will post all of our need to know information and latest updates: [www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc](http://www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc)



## EMPOWER

### 12-17 Years

Empower Youth is back on again for term two! We have a range of exciting events planned for the upcoming weeks.

We have a number of new leaders in training. We are excited to see them take on some more responsibility and initiative this term.

You are welcome to join our Facebook group. This is where we post all our event details and important information for you: [www.facebook.com/groups/cityempower](http://www.facebook.com/groups/cityempower)

### May Event Dates

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

### May Connect Groups

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

## ENGAGE

### 18-25 Years

Engage has been running extremely well this year. It has been awesome seeing some of our members taking initiative and organising events and hangouts for the wider group.

It has also been awesome seeing some new faces and getting to know new people.

All Engage members are welcome to join us for our Tuesday night connect group with Empower Youth. Join us at church from 7pm until 8:30pm.

If you are between 18 and 25 years of age 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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet)

### May Connect Groups

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

## SENIORS

### 50+ Years

Welcome to the seniors ministry of Adelaide Christian Centre!

Our seniors ministry aims to provide our 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.

### May Event

Our seniors event for May will be held on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. Please meet at church at 10am for morning tea.

After morning tea everyone will head to the Haighs Chocolate Factory followed by a picnic at the park. Please bring your own food for the picnic along with your own chairs.

If weather is inclement it will be back to church for lunch. Please contact Peter Chigwidden for any further information.

## EQUIP

### Equip Training College (ETC)

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

ETC has been designed specifically with the development of congregational members of Adelaide Christian Centre (ACC) in mind. 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).

### Enrolments for 2019

If you would like a copy of the ETC Course Outline please ask the church office or ask at the info desk in the church foyer.

If you are interested in enrolling or expressing interest in one of our courses for 2019 you can do so at the info desk or by contacting the church office.

Candidates will be invited to enrol into either the 18-month Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology course or the three year Diploma in Christian Ministry and Leadership course.



# A delaide City Care

## ADELAIDE CITY CARE

### 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

#### Our Contact Details

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### 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.

# A delaide Christian Schools

## 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



# Missions

## MISSIONS

# MONTHLY MISSIONS GIVING

### Christian Education

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

### Helping the Needy

	Sri Lanka	<i>Bethel Children's Homes &amp; Farm</i>	<b>\$400.00</b>
	Philippines	<i>Children's Feeding Programs</i>	<b>\$100.00</b>

### Missionary Service

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

### Ministry Training

	Papua New Guinea	<i>Bethel Bible College</i>	<b>\$300.00</b>
	Papua New Guinea	<i>Student Sponsorship Program</i>	<b>\$500.00</b>
	India	<i>Missions Training School</i>	<b>\$500.00</b>
	India	<i>Evangelos Training Institute</i>	<b>\$250.00</b>

### Other

	Sri Lanka	<i>Colombo Building Project</i>	<b>\$100.00</b>
	Australia	<i>Indigenous Outreach</i>	<b>\$250.00</b>

**COMBINED TOTAL \$5,700.00**



**Bethel Crusade Preschools**

**Fiji:** \$300 per month  
**Tax Deductible Project Code:** J352N

Bethel Crusade Preschools began in Suva in 1994 with nine children. Since then approximately 3,000 children have graduated from the preschools. Bethel Crusade Preschools have expanded to reach a total of eight preschools located throughout Fiji in Sigatoka, Suva, Lakena, Savusavu, Nacavanadi, Labasa, Daku and on Koro Island.

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for all the children as they continue their preschool education
- Pray for all of our preschool teachers
- Pray for the Preschool Teacher Training Workshop taking place this month

**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. It is part of Adelaide Christian Schools, a ministry of Adelaide Christian Centre. The school is located on the grounds of Bethel Tabernacle of Praise Church and currently has approximately 250 students. This is an excellent ministry that we are involved in!

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for any challenges facing the school in 2019
- Pray for all of the staff and teachers
- Pray for all of the students as they continue on in the 2019 school year

**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. It is associated with Faith Christian Center, our national CRC centre in the United States. The school offers a Christ-centered innovative learning experience, where character development and the role of the parent is paramount.

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for any challenges facing the school in 2019
- Pray for all of the staff and teachers
- Pray for all of the students as they continue on in the 2019 school year

**Door of Hope Preschool**

**Sri Lanka:** \$400 per month

Door of Hope Preschool has been running for a few years now and is located in Vavuniya in the north of Sri Lanka. It is predominantly made up of Tamil speaking children. We currently have one employed teacher and a lady who volunteers her time to come and assist with teaching the children. Our support for Door of Hope Preschool is allocated to the running of the preschool.

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for any challenges faced at the hand of the local government
- Pray for our staff and teachers
- Pray for all the children as they continue their preschool education



**Bethel Children’s Homes**

**Sri Lanka:** \$400 per month  
**Tax Deductible Project Code:** J982N

Bethel Children’s Homes have been in operation since 1998 when the first home opened with 11 girls. Since then two new homes have been built to house more girls on the same property. A property was also purchased to build a new home for boys. All of the children in the homes have been affected in some way by the war and civil unrest in Sri Lanka. This has resulted in them being displaced, physiologically affected and discriminated against.

The homes have government permission to care for up to 40 children. They maintain a family-like environment by ensuring a high level of individual care. The homes ensure all children are sent to primary and secondary schools within the community,

assures all medical and healthcare needs are met, provides all subsistence needs (i.e. food, clothing, shelter, water, sanitation, recreation etc.), and commits to continually support their overall physical, emotional, mental and intellectual development.

Our church provides financial and management support for the children and staff within the homes. As a church we sponsor four children - Angel, Sharon, Jonathan and George.

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray that all new children who come into the home will settle in
- Pray for our dedicated staff who take care of the children day-to-day
- Pray for safety following the Easter Sunday bombings in Sri Lanka

**Children’s Feeding Programs**

**Philippines:** \$100 per month

Thousands of children have been ministered to throughout the Philippines by our feeding programs. Our children’s feeding programs use strict attendance and monitoring records and are run for children in three age groups - 3 to 6 year olds (Level 1), 7 to 10 year olds (Level 2) and 11 to 14 year olds (Level 3).

Multiple activities are included within the feeding programs - feeding, Bible teaching, Gospel preaching, prayers for the children and their families, prayers for the communities, world missions orientation, games, memory verses, praise and worship, and assignments on the Bible. These programs may also go further to include children camps, family visits and Christmas gift giving.

CRC children’s feeding programs differ from other feeding programs in the Philippines. They do not simply seek to provide food to children to fill their stomachs on a short term basis. They aim to provide education on nutrition and to provide nutritious meals so the health of children and their families may improve long term.

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for our workers in the Philippines who faithfully serve in this ministry
- Pray that the feeding programs will open a way to reach whole communities for Christ
- Pray for all the children involved that they will respond to the Gospel message



**Rachelle Hardy**

**PNG:** \$200 per month

Rachelle Hardy is a long-serving CRC missionary. She is primarily based in Port Moresby and oversees the World Missions Faith Training School. Rachelle travels regularly to India to provide leadership to the World Missions Faith Training School located there. She is an extremely faithful and hard working woman and we are very pleased to be supporting her as a church.

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray that she will stay safe during her stay in India
- Pray for God's ongoing guidance and protection over her life
- Pray for fruitful ministry in all of her future endeavours



**Pr Barry Silverback**

**World:** \$1,000 per month

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

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for God's hand of protection as he continues to travel
- Pray for God's guidance and wisdom in all of the decisions Pr Barry is involved in making for various nations and ministries
- Pray for fruitful ministry in all that he sets out to do



**Warwick and Omega Hughes**

**USA:** \$600 per month

Pr Warwick was a missionary in Papua New Guinea (PNG) for many years. His wife Omega is from PNG and together they have two children - Jethro and Warwick Jr.

In August 2018 the family relocated to Walhalla, South Carolina in the United States. Pr Warwick is currently serving as our senior pastor at Faith Christian Center and he is doing a fantastic job.

A few key points from Pr Warwick's March update report:

- We had a visit for a week from Mr Kym Golding. He was visiting Walhalla sorting out different needs for the school here. We had Mr Golding minister around communion and what a blessed time we had.



- I continue to meet every second Thursday with some local Pentecostal Pastors to pray for our community, for an awakening to the reality of Jesus, and a move of the Holy Spirit.
- We were blessed with a visit by a couple from Bethel in PNG - Brother Wilfred and Lima Lus. They happened to be in the USA on a business trip and had an opportunity to come and visit us. We shed tears of joy and were really blessed by their surprise visit.

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for the family as they continue to settle into the United States
- Pray for Faith Center Church and the church's congregation as a whole
- Pray for Pr Warwick's fruitful ministry as he settles into his role as senior pastor



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

Bethel Bible College is a two year live-in program. The first year follows the World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS) curriculum. This College provides a unique opportunity for specialised study and preparation for ministry. Students are from many countries. The environment of cross-cultural relationships provides an ideal setting for an active discipleship school.

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for all the staff involved in the school
- Pray for all students that they do well in their studies
- Pray that all new students who began in 2019 will settle in and thrive

**Student Sponsorship**  
PNG: \$500 per month

Dipen is a graduate of WMFTS in India. He is currently serving at Bethel Centre PNG. Ilisoni and his family are from Fiji. His wife Viema runs the Preschool Teacher Training at Bethel Centre and he is enrolled in Bethel Bible College.

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for God’s guidance and direction for both Dipen and Ilisoni
- Pray for God’s protection in Dipen and Ilisoni’s ministry endeavours
- Pray for effective and fruitful ministry in all Dipen and Ilisoni are involved in
- Pray for Ilisoni, Viema and their two children as they settle into Bethel Centre

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

WMFTS exposes men and women to the missionary mandate, informing, training, preparing and inspiring them to become missionaries around the world. The school is located in West Bengal in the North East of India and is looked after by a group of faithful staff.

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for all the staff involved in the school
- Pray for all students that they do well in their studies and stay strong in their commitment to completing the program
- Pray for any challenges that the school faces from the government

**Evangelos Training Institute**  
India: \$250 per month

Purnima is a graduate of WMFTS India. She has served in Papua New Guinea and Fiji. She is now back in India. We have supported Purnima for a number of years and we now support her through her ministry at the Evangelos Training Institute. Her team are doing an excellent job running the school and we are happy to support them!

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for all the staff involved in the school that they will find strength to continue serving
- Pray for all students that they do well in their studies
- Pray for staff to remain in good health as we have had multiple sicknesses lately



## TAX DEDUCTIBLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Two of our CRC children’s ministries have tax deductible projects running from 2018-2020. This is an exciting development and we are looking forward to seeing all that will be achieved within our preschools in Fiji and children’s homes in Sri Lanka throughout these projects.

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

From 2018-2020 we are working on a 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 launched a three year project for our children’s homes in January 2018 for ongoing development and 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)

Direct Deposit tax deductible donations can be made using the following details.

**Account Name:** Global Development Group  
**BSB:** 064118

**Account Number:** 10200094

**Reference:** e.g. J. Smith J352N/J982N

Please make sure you include your initials (e.g. J. Smith), followed by the code for the project you wish to donate to (**J352N** for Fiji Preschools or **J982N** for Sri Lanka Children’s Homes) in the reference section so GDG can trace your deposit.

#### Step 2: Email GDG your donation details

Email [info@globaldevelopment.org.au](mailto:info@globaldevelopment.org.au) with the following details.

- a) Your name and address
- b) Amount and date of donation
- c) Project code - **J352N** or **J982N**

GDG will send you a receipt for your tax deductible donation. If you would like to contribute to the project on a regular basis you will need to set this up with your bank and then let GDG know in your initial email.

For more information or to donate online:

- Fiji Preschools  
[www.gdg.org.au/InfoJ352N](http://www.gdg.org.au/InfoJ352N)
- Sri Lanka Children’s Homes  
[www.gdg.org.au/InfoJ982N](http://www.gdg.org.au/InfoJ982N)

*Bethel Crusade Preschools and Door of Hope International are partners for J352N and J982N with Global Development Group (ABN 57 102 400 993), an Australian NGO approved by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.*



## SRI LANKA RELIEF PROJECT: REBUILDING BATTICALOA

On Easter Sunday 2019 explosions went off in multiple churches and hotels across Sri Lanka. Five attacks were carried out around the capital city of Colombo. One bombing occurred in Batticaloa in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka.

More than 250 people lost their lives as a result of these Easter Sunday attacks and hundreds more were injured. Many people have been left with lifelong disabilities and injuries.

The nation remains in an uncertain and

fragile state as reports of potential additional explosions continue to surface.

One of the churches that was targeted during the bombings was Zion Church in Batticaloa. The church building, accommodation block, pastor's house, lecture rooms and the church bookshop were all badly damaged by the blast and are in desperate need of repair.

As of Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, it is confirmed that 30 people in the church have lost their lives and a number of people remain in hospital, some are still in a critical condition. Numerous people have been left with lifelong injuries, such as blindness and loss of limbs.

Many of the deaths from this attack were children who had just finished Sunday School and were waiting at the entrance

of the church for their parents so they could head into the Easter Sunday Service together.

Working in partnership with Global Development Group (GDG), the Sri Lanka Relief Project: Rebuilding Batticaloa, is supporting the rebuilding and repair of the church facilities that were damaged.

People from Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America who give towards the project are eligible to receive tax deductible benefits. Anybody who does not require tax deductibility can still give through the project.

A fundraising page has been set up for the project through Raisely. A goal of \$50,000 has been set for the project. Please refer to the details in the following column if you are looking to make a donation.

### Online Donations

We encourage all donations to go through the Raisely fundraising webpage. Donations made through Raisely are sent to GDG.

Through the Raisely fundraising platform you can submit a one-off donation or you can commit to a monthly contribution.

Please follow the link below to give towards the rebuilding of Zion Church in Batticaloa.

[www.gdg.org.au/DonateJ1043N](http://www.gdg.org.au/DonateJ1043N)

If you are interested in making a donation but are unable to donate online please speak to Marita at the info desk or contact the church office (contact information can be found on page 3).



*Sri Lanka Relief Project: Rebuilding Batticaloa is a partner for Project J1043N with Global Development Group (GDG; ABN 57 102 400 993). GDG is a charitable Non Government Organisation [NGO] carrying out humanitarian projects with approved partners and providing aid to relieve poverty.*

*All gifts over \$2 are representative of project activities and are received as tax deductible donations in Australia with a preference for project J1043N. All donations are received subject to GDG's donation and privacy policy ([www.gdg.org.au/policy](http://www.gdg.org.au/policy)). If excess funds are received they may be applied to other approved project activities.*



## FIJI TRIP REPORT

Every year Bethel Crusade Preschools in Fiji run a training workshop for all of their preschool teachers. For the last few years Sue Shemeikka has headed up the running of the workshop through creating the teaching material and running a majority of the sessions.

In 2019 the training workshop ran from Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April until Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April in Suva. The major focus of this year's workshop was *The Importance of and Theory behind Learn and Play*. Sue ran the workshop once again with the help of Rebekah Groom.

A couple of practical sessions were held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. During these sessions it was evident that the teachers were having a lot of fun.

On the Wednesday afternoon they focused on 'Setting up a Learn and Play Environment'. Sue and Rebekah gave some practical examples of how to link different themes into the children's play.

On the Thursday afternoon they explored 'Teaching Children Craft'. Various craft activities were set up around the room and the teachers had an opportunity to experiment. This session ran overtime as everyone had too much fun creating different items and experimenting with new ways of teaching children different lessons through craft.

During a couple of the sessions there was an opportunity to learn more about the Fijian government's regulations surrounding the policies that need to be in place in each preschool. Teachers spent time in discussion with one another coming up with various points that they

would like to be included in the numerous policies that are to be created for the preschools.

Although it did not stop raining and the weather was terrible during the workshop, this did not dampen the mood of everyone involved. The positive feedback and enthusiastic involvement of the teachers throughout the few days signifies a successful workshop!

Listed below is some of the feedback we received from teachers:

- "I enjoyed learning ideas and the ways of dealing with children in preschool when they are not feeling good when they enter the classroom. I also enjoyed our time together with all the teachers."
- "I enjoyed learning that we should

value play, and art and craft."

- "I enjoyed learning about how we can share with and support the children with craft and other activities. I also learnt that we need to educate the parents with what we are doing so they have a better understanding about the preschool."
- "I enjoyed being refreshed in areas of development. I also got more ideas in the area of discipline and in art and craft."
- "I enjoyed my time energising before the workshop sessions through dancing and singing along with the other preschool teachers".
- "I enjoyed the workshop very much as I have learnt new things and have been refreshed on many things."

# MAY CALENDAR

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Empower Youth	<b>4</b>
	<b>5</b> 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Morning Service	<b>6</b> Office Closed	<b>7</b> 5:30pm Conversational English Course  7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect	<b>8</b> 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Empower Youth	<b>11</b> 8:00am Working Bee
	<b>12</b> 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Mother's Day Service	<b>13</b> Office Closed	<b>14</b> 5:30pm Conversational English Course  7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect	<b>15</b> 7:00pm State Conference Night Meeting	<b>16</b> 10:00am Seniors Event  7:00pm State Conference Night Meeting	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Empower Youth	<b>18</b>
	<b>19</b> 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Morning Service	<b>20</b> Office Closed	<b>21</b> 5:30pm Conversational English Course  7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect	<b>22</b> 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30pm Empower Youth	<b>25</b>
	<b>26</b> 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am ACS Celebration Service	<b>27</b> Office Closed	<b>28</b> 5:30pm Conversational English Course  7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect	<b>29</b> 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:30pm Empower Youth	



# Upcoming events

**Working Bee**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
8:00am

**Mother's Day Service**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
10:00am

**CRC State Conference**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
7:00pm

**Schools Service**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
10:00am