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WELCOME

Welcome to our March edition of Sturt Street News.

We have quite a number of activities taking place in our church this month. Please look through the upcoming events pages carefully to familiarise yourself with all of the key dates. If you would like to volunteer for any of our events, contact the church office.

Mikaela and I had a great time in Sri Lanka last month. We were not there for a long period of time but we managed to accomplish a lot. She has written a report on pages 38-43 which I encourage everyone to have a read through.

Blessings, 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 Mabulac

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



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GENERAL INFORMATION

















UPCOMING EVENTS

Engage Young Adults Dinner Saturday 7th March

Our first dinner for Engage Young Adults will be held at Paolo and Ester's house. Come along for a 5pm start and bring a plate to share. This is a great night to invite your friends to!

5 New Arrivals Dinner Saturday 21st March

Our next New Arrivals Dinner will begin at 5pm at church with info booths in the foyer. Dinner will be served at 6pm. Please speak to Pr Gregg of Marita if you would like to volunteer to help out on the night.

2 CMD Team Building Barbecue Saturday 14th March

All CMD members are invited to join us at John Miller Reserve, Somerton Park from 3pm until 6:30pm. Please bring \$5 each to cover the costs of the barbecue. Register at the info desk as we will be preparing food for the event.

6 Elevate Sleepover Saturday 28th March

All Elevate children are welcome to join us at church for our term one sleepover from 3pm. The cost of the night is \$10 each. We will hold a practice for our Family Service, watch a movie, eat food and have fun!

3 Childsafe Training Sunday 15th March

All volunteers who work with children in our church must go through childsafe training. If you have not completed childsafe training within the last few years, you must attend our next one.

7 Family Service Sunday 29th March

Our Family Service for term one will take a similar approach to our Family Services for 2019. We are looking forward to showcase to the church once again what our children have been learning.

Seniors Event Thursday 19th March

Meet at church for morning tea at 10am. We will then go to Findon for some boutique shopping. This will be followed by lunch at the Grange Kiosk at 12:30pm. Please confirm that you will be coming for lunch.

Food and Fun Day Sunday 29th March

Our next Food and Fun Day will be held at church from 1pm until 3:30pm. Please invite your friends and families as we join together to celebrate our community through a number of fun activities and food.





SERMON SERIES

Throughout the month of February we ran a new sermon series, *Choosing Consistency:* Resisting Compromise.

We looked at the following topics: Character (who are we when nobody is looking?); Wisdom (making life work God's way); Anger (taming the horse before it bolts); and Endurance (keep on keeping on).

This series will continue throughout March. An outline of the topics is included below and in the following column.

Choosing Consistency, Resisting Compromise: Selflessness

'It's not all about me.'

Date: Sunday 1st March

Speaker: Pr Mike Groom

Choosing Consistency, Resisting Compromise: Contentment

'An inside job.'

Date: Sunday 8th March

Speaker: Pr Gregg Mañego

Choosing Consistency, Resisting Compromise: Responsibility

'The blame game.'

Date: Sunday 15th March

Speaker: Pr Mike Groom

Choosing Consistency, Resisting Compromise: Loyalty

'Being faithful.'

Date: Sunday 22nd March

Speaker: Pr Mike Groom

SUNDAY SESSIONS

Sunday Sessions had an awesome and very encouraging start in February!

Sunday Sessions is held every Sunday night in the front foyer/cafe area of Adelaide Christian Centre. It is aimed at youth, young adults and young families but, of course, everyone is welcome to attend.

The café opens from 5pm and the service begins at 5:30pm. The café-style service consists of live contemporary worship, inspiring conversation and food!

A free meal follows the service at 6:30pm. A gold coin donation is appreciated. Our church playground is open for children five years and younger.

An overview of March's teaching topics can be found in the following column.

Sunday 1st March

Topic: Why and how to pray?

Speaker: Pr Gregg Mañego

Sunday 8th March

Topic: Why and how do I read the Bible?

Speaker: Paolo Mañego

Sunday 15th March

Topic: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Speaker: Pr Mike Groom

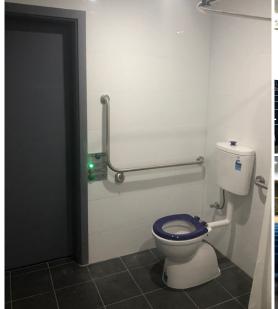
Sunday 22nd March

Topic: How can I make the most of my life?

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Speaker: Pr Mike Groom

GENERAL INFORMATION







1st July 2019 - 30th June 2020

Over the last few years we have made a great effort in updating our Adelaide Christian Centre Facility. Our newest initiative is the Facility Upgrade Project.

The first phase of this project included refurbishments to the auditorium (painting and carpet) and the signs that have been installed inside and outside the building.

The second phase of this project included installing an accessible toilet and shower, creating a first aid room and building a lobby into both areas.

The project is now complete but we still need to raise funds for the money spent.

PROJECT COSTS

Total cost of the project: Funds received to date: Outstanding pledges: Shortfall needed: \$68,200.00 \$51,839.96 \$ 6,321.64 \$10,038.40

MAKING A PLEDGE

- One off donation
- Monthly contribution

Tax Deductible Donations

This is a tax deductible project. All tax deductible receipts for donations over \$2 will be issued by Adelaide City Care which is a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).

Account Name: Adelaide City Care

BSB: 065005

Accout Number: 1009 3025 Reference: Upgrade Project



STURT STREET NEWS

INFORMATION

Adelaide Christian Centre loves connect groups! We have a amount number of people throughout the life of our church who are 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.

If you have not joined a connect group yet we encourage you to look through the list and try out the one that suits you best!

Fortnightly Groups

Leader: Adelaide City
Leader: Ram Lumabao
Phone: 0498 136 446

Location: Modbury Heights **Leader:** Brian Mortimer **Phone:** 0434 360 257

Leader: Mount Barker Nohn Cubio Phone: 0439 921 890

Monthly Groups

Group: Seniors (Third Thursday of

each month)

Location: Adelaide Christian Centre

Leader: Peter Chigwidden Phone: 0407 398 988

Specific Groups

Group: Youth and Young Adults
Location: Adelaide Christian Centre

When: Tuesday nights

7:00pm-8:30pm

Phone: 0490 249 263

Group: Enable

Location: Location varies

Leader: Vinnie and Margaux Miranda

Phone: 0430 333 370

Evening Groups

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

Location: Ingle Farm

Leader: Angelito and Marycel

Gatdula

Phone: 0402 644 117

Location:MarionLeader:Emil SagunPhone:0438 277 990

Location: Northfield

Leader: Orbille and Jessica Piol

Phone: 0430 618 489

Leader: Pennington
Pr Gregg Mañego
Phone: 0404 899 815

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

Location:UnderdaleLeader:Pr Mike GroomPhone:0400 560 501

CONNECT GROUPS

MARCH CONNECT GROUP ARTICLE

Welcome to our March edition of our connect group article.

When we think about connecting, what most people are truly looking for is community.

Community is a place where people can connect with others in a meaningful way. A place where we can share our own personal journeys - both our struggles and victories - and also celebrate God's faithfulness in our lives.

One of the ways we can experience a genuine community is through connect groups.

Connect groups are one of the most effective ways to grow the church, both in quantity and in quality.

True community helps people understand their purpose, functions in life, and eventually helps them remain obedient to Christ while being committed to the church.

Jesus cares for people and we should do likewise.

There are two particular verses in the Bible where 'Jesus wept'. One is in Matthew 9 and the other is in John 11.

On both of these occasions Jesus' heart was revealed to and for the people.

He wept because He saw powerless and hopeless people; people who were going

through life in isolation as if no one cared.

When people in our church aren't connected and they live their lives in isolation, it causes Jesus to weep.

This is because Jesus really cares and loves people, especially when His own people - those who considered themselves 'believers' - start living in isolation.

As church people, we need to make sure that we are making an effort to stay connected with each other, and also making it our aim to reach out to those that are not yet connected.

We are designed to live in a community, not in isolation. God did not create us to be 'lone rangers'. He created us to depend on a spiritual family for support.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, puts it this way: 'Two are better than one...If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.'

Remember, no one will experience the true meaning and purpose of life outside the context of genuine relationships and outside the context of being in a community.

God designed us to be connected with one another.

Stay blessed everyone! **Pr Gregg Mañego**







PLAYGROUP

0-6 Years

Playgroups provide many benefits to children, such as:

- 1. They allow children to develop social skills at their own pace
- 2. They help build a child's emotional confidence
- 3. They encourage physical activity
- 4. They support children's imagination and creativity
- 5. They enable children to learn through role-play

Giggle Patch Playgroup runs Wednesday mornings in the crèche during the school term from 10:00am-12:00pm.

An indoor playground and a variety of other activities are available for children under 6 years of age.

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, please contact the church office (contact details 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 window into the auditorium allows mothers to see and hear what is going on in the service.

If any parents, whose children frequently use the crèche, are interested in volunteering to help out in the crèche and supervise children during the church service, please contact the church office (contact details found on page 3). We are also looking for volunteers to help us in the crèche during our new Sunday night services.

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CHURCH MINISTRIES









GROW

3-6 Years

Last month we learnt about how we should love God with all our heart, soul and strength. We also welcomed lots of new faces to Grow. I always love when the little ones start; it is so much fun to see them grow and to gain an understanding of who God is to them.

This month our main message is that we can trust God no matter what! This is an important lesson and we will revisit it a few times over the year. I think it is also one that us adults need to be reminded of sometimes because it is sometimes easy to forget, especially when things are going wrong.

This month's challenge is to go back and read Genesis; try to look at it from a child's perspective and maybe share it with a child! There are so many great lessons within the book of Genesis. Such as, Joesph was taken from his home but he recovered and prospered, but in the end he forgave!

God bless,

Cassie Beattie

ELEVATE

7-11 Years

In February we focused on GROWING STRONGER. It has been great to see all of our children getting involved in each week's lessons. I

t is also encouraging hearing them recite our bottom lines from previous weeks from the top of their heads. The fact that our lessons are staying with the children makes everything worth it!

In March our focus for for Elevate is on GRATITUDE. An outline of our March lessons can be found on the following page.

We will also be holding another Elevate Sleepover (Saturday 28th March) and a Family Service (Sunday 29th March) at the end of the term so please keep these dates in mind. It would be great if all of our Elevate children could be part of both events.

Our term one sleepover will begin at 3pm. The cost of the night is \$10 each. We will hold a practice for our Family Service, watch a movie, eat food and have fun!

We encourage all of our Elevate parents to join our Facebook group. This is where we will post all of our up-to-date information: www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc

March Program

Sunday 1st March

Big Idea: Gratitude

Bible Verse: 1 Chronicles 16:34 - Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever

Bible Story: Ungrateful Israelites - Numbers 11

Bottom Line: Be thankful for what you have.

Sunday 8th March

Big Idea: Gratitude

Bible Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 - Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Bible Story: Jesus and the 10 Lepers - Luke 17:11-19

Bottom Line: Take time to say thank you.

Sunday 15th March

Big Idea: Gratitude

Bible Verse: Psalm 9:1 - I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Bible Story: Feast Days - Exodus 23:14-19

Bottom Line: Thank God for what he has done

Sunday 22nd March

Big Idea: Gratitude

Bible Verse: James 1:2 - Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

Bible Story: Parable of the Vineyard Workers - Matthew 20:1-15

Bottom Line: Don't let a bad attitude spoil your gratitude.

This year we are looking for some more regular volunteers to help out in Elevate. If you are interested in helping with children 7-11 years of age, please speak to Kelly Groom. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

CHURCH MINISTRIES









EMPOWER

12-17 Years

Empower Youth is back on for 2020! We are seeing new leaders rise up and new people coming into the youth.

One small reminder for all parents of youth that are entering the group in 2020, please fill out a consent form for your child. These can be collected from Mikaela Groom or the information desk in the front fover.

February Event Details

Friday 6th March Ice Skating

Location: Ica Arena

Time: Meet at church at 6:30pm or meet at the Ice Arena at 7:15pm

Cost: \$15 per person (includes skate hire)

Friday 13th March Creative Night

Location: Church

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Cost: \$5 per person

Friday 20th March Find My Friends

Location: Church and city during the event

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Cost: Bring money for Hungry Jacks after the event

Friday 27th March Random Game Night

Location: Church

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Cost: Bring money for Hungry Jacks after the event

Connect Group Details

Tuesday 3rd March

Selflessness

Location: Youth room at church

Time: 7pm - 8:30pm

Tuesday 10th March

Contentment

Location: Youth room at church

Time: 7pm - 8:30pm

Tuesday 17th March Compromise

Location: Youth room at church

Time: 7pm - 8:30pm

Tuesday 24th March Loyalty

Location: Youth room at church

Time: 7pm - 8:30pm

Tuesday 31st March

Relationships

Location: Youth room at church

Time: 7pm - 8:30pm

We encourage all of our youth members, as well as their parents, to join our Facebook group. This group is where we post all of our event details and need-to-know information.

We use our Facebook group more regularly than any other tool to communicate with and put out information to the youth group. If you want to keep up-to-date with what is happening then we strongly suggest that you join the group: www.facebook.com/groups/cityempower

ENGAGE

18-25 Years

In 2020 we have an awesome opportunity to join in on Sunday Sessions! These are our Sunday night events and we would love for all of our Engage members to be involved. It also provides an opportunity for us to hang out between the morning and evening service.

Engage and Empower Youth run a joint connect group on Tuesday nights from 7pm - 8:30pm at church. Please refer to adjacent columns for further details.

Our Facebook group is where we post all of our updated event details and need-to-know information. You are more than welcome to join our group: www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet

Upcoming Event Details

Saturday 7th March

Engage Dinner

Our first dinner for Engage will be held in March at Paolo and Ester's house. Come along for a 5pm start and bring a plate to share.

CHURCH MINISTRIES





SENIORS

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.

This group is a place where seniors 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.

March Event Details

Thursday 19th March Shopping and Lunch

Meet at church for morning tea at 10am. We will then go to Findon for some boutique shopping (op shops). This will be followed by lunch at the Grange Kiosk at 12:30pm. Please confirm that you will be coming for the booking for lunch. For any further information please contact Peter Chigwidden.

EQUIP

Equip Training College (ETC)

ETC is intentional about equipping Christ followers to be effective ministers and leaders, who serve God by serving others.

ETC places a high importance on identifying, equipping and releasing people into Christian service and leadership within the local church, community and throughout the world.

ETC endeavours to teach the fundamentals of the faith to people in a way that will transform their life and character, whilst preparing them to fulfil the call of God.

The curriculum has been designed to help local church leaders fulfil the Biblical mandate stated in Ephesians 4:11-12: Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to EQUIP HIS PEOPLE FOR WORKS OF SERVICE, so that the Body of Christ may be built up.

We encourage you to consider enrolling into one of our courses so we can journey together on the great adventure the Lord has for you.



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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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Tuesday-Friday, 9am-5pm

Email: info@adelaidecitycare.com.au

Phone: (08) 8212 2322

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 on Tuesday evenings from 28th January until 8th December 2020. 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

New Arrivals Dinner Saturday 21st March

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 Pr Gregg or Marita.

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

2 Food and Fun Day Sunday 29th March

Our next Food and Fun Day will begin at 1pm at 27 Sturt Street, Adelaide. The event will conclude at 3:30pm.

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	ELC - 7	Est. 1978
- Paradise, SA	ELC - 7	Est. 1989
- Morphett Vale, SA	ELC - 7	Est. 1994
- Marion, SA	R - 10	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

International Schools

Sunrise Bethel Christian School

- Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Faith Christian School

- Walhalla, South Carolina, USA

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MONTHLY MISSIONS GIVING

Christian Education

	Fiji Islands	Bethel Crusade Preschools	\$300.00
***	Papua New Guinea	Bethel Sunrise School	\$300.00
	U.S.A.	Faith Christian School	\$500.00

Door of Hope Preschool

\$400.00

Helping the Needy

Sri Lanka

	Sri Lanka	Bethel Children's Homes & Farm	\$400.00
*	Philippines	Children's Feeding Programs	\$100.00

Missionary Service

Papua New Guinea	Rachelle Hardy	\$200.00
U.S.A.	Warwick and Omega Hughes	\$600.00

4	World	Pastor Barry Silverback	\$1,000.00
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Ministry Training

***	Papua New Guinea	Bethel Bible College	\$300.00
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***	Papua New Guinea	Student Sponsorship Program	\$500.00
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©	India	Evangelos Training Institute	\$250.00
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Other

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	Sri Lanka	Colombo Building Project	\$100.00
*	Australia	Indigenous Outreach	\$250.00

COMBINED TOTAL \$5,700.00

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

















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 of our staff, children and their families as they begin the new school year, especially for those starting their first year of preschool.
- Pray for positive outcomes for changes in the government involving education.

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 all of our staff, children and their families as they begin the new school year, especially for those starting their first year of school.
- Pray for the successful development of the new year nine class in 2020.

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 all of our staff, children and their families.
- Pray for our principal Laura Fountain
- Pray for God's continued blessing and provision over the school.

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 all of our staff, children and their families as they begin the new school year, especially for those starting their first year of school.
- Pray for any current challenges faced at the hand of the local government.

HELPING THE NEEDY













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 funds to be raise quickly so we can buy a new vehicle for the home.

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.

MISSIONARY SERVICE











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 for safety, good health and fruitful ministry as Rachelle continues on in her ministry in India.
- Pray for God's ongoing sense of peace, guidance and protection over Rachelle's life.

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 is originally from New Zealand and was a missionary in Papua New Guinea (PNG) for many years. In PNG he was heavily involved in training students through the World Missions Faith Training School. He met his wife Omega in PNG and together they have two children - Jethro and Warwick Jr.

After a long process acquiring visas, in August 2018 Pr Warwick and his family relocated to Walhalla, South Carolina in the United States. Pr Warwick is currently serving as our senior pastor at Faith Christian Center. The family has been well received by the local congregation and Pr Warwick is doing a fantastic job as senior pastor.

The Adelaide Christian Centre eldership,

primarily through Pr Mike, provide guidance and support where necessary to Pr Warwick and the local leadership at Faith Center Church. Pr Mike visits Walhalla twice a year.

A recent report from Pr Warwick can be found on pages 36-37 of this Sturt Street News.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the family as they continue their ministry in 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 continues in his role as senior pastor.
- Pray for newcomers to Faith Center Church to feel at home and to consider staying long-term.

MINISTRY TRAINING

















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 crosscultural relationships provides an ideal setting for an active discipleship school.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for all of the staff and students involved in the college.
- Pray for the successful redevelopment of the college in the coming months.
- Pray for all new students who will begin at the college in 2020.

Student Sponsorship

PNG: \$500 per month

Dipen is a graduate of WMFTS in India. He is traveling to Fiji in September to serve there for some time. 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 effective and fruitful ministry in all Dipen and Ilisoni are involved in.
- Pray for Ilisoni as he ventures into new roles and study in 2020.
- Pray for Dipen as he continues his ministry in India.

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 and high spirits.











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 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
- Sri Lanka Children's Homes 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.











together for the last nine years.

Jethro and Warwick Jr managed the music using my mobile phone and a plug-in speaker system. I ministered a challenging message after several people gave their testimonies.

One of the woman in attendance, who helped look after the lady that had passed away, turned out to be brother Jimmy Wilson's relative

Two of the lady's sisters said that they have been attending Pr Rod and Carmen Schultz's church in Greenwood. Pr Rod and his wife Carmen have known Pr Mike and sister Kelly Groom for a number of years now.

Omega and I have been visiting them and attended, with their church family, one of their Wednesday night studies.

It is amazing how God connects everyone! Everything we encounter continues to show us that we are in the plan and will of God.

We have had one lady who started attending our church and has began to come more regularly. She cannot hear but she enjoys the PowerPoint presentations that we display when the message is preached each Sunday.

We have also had two ladies who have been coming along for a few Sunday services. They are also attending our Wednesday Bible studies and missions prayer nights.

One of these ladies told us that she has found that she has grown more in her faith since she started coming along for the services. Praise God.

In addition to all of these ladies who have entered the church in recent times, we have also had a mum and two of her four daughters coming quite often. However, her husband had not been attending.

Something very encouraging happened one Sunday recently where her husband joined them for the morning service.

In our Sunday morning services we give opportunity for prayer. Lately we have had people at the front during these altar calls shedding tears as Jesus touched them and healed them.

Some of the people who have come along for our morning services have been requesting prayer for baptism in the Holy Spirit.

In January we began painting one of our church apartments that was in desperate need of some painting and a bit of renovation work

Faith Christian School is running well. We have a few more interested parents who are looking at enrolling their children into the school.

We have another exciting development within the school. Our students are now raising monthly support for one of the girls within Bethel Children's Home in Sri Lanka!

Omega continues to help with the kindergarten children, three of them, on Mondays and for half a day on Fridays. Our boys are doing well in school and get along with all of the other children.

Blessings in Jesus name, **Pr Warwick Hughes**

HUGHES FAMILY UPDATE

Greetings in Jesus name from a very cold Walhalla in South Carolina, USA. January has been filled with some very, very, very, cold frosts, but we have still not seen snow where we are.

An opportunity was given to us to organize and do a memorial service for a lady that Omega and I had been visiting and ministering to.

This service took place on Saturday 18th January at the apartments where she was living. She passed away from a severe heart attack

There were about 17 people present. This included her sisters who had not come









SRI LANKA TRIP REPORT

On Friday 14th February dad and I began our journey to Sri Lanka. We arrived around 9:30pm Sri Lankan time and spent our weekend in Colombo. Dad preached in the Sunday morning service at our CRC church where Pr Somanathan is based.

On the Sunday afternoon, we were able to take a young man named Benjamin out for lunch. Benjamin was in our boys' home from 2007 until 2019. He completed his high school exams in 2018 and received one of the highest results in the Eastern region.

Benjamin qualified for university and while waiting to see if he was accepted, he moved to his sister's house and worked as

an intern in a local bank. When he was accepted into university he moved to Colombo where he is now studying finance management.

Prior to coming into the home Benjamin did not know how to read or write. His success is a great encouragement for the homes and we are excited to see all that he will achieve in the future.

On the Monday Pr Somanathan, dad and I drove to the children's home. For some reason, no matter the time of day, elephants have come out to see me every time I have been to Sri Lanka. In the beginning Pr Somanathan told me it was unlikely that I would see wild elephants on my travels to the home. However, when I asked him this trip about my chances he accepted that I will most likely see one due to my high success rate; and that I did!

On Easter Sunday in 2019, explosions went off in multiple churches and hotels across Sri Lanka. Five attacks were carried out around the capital city of Colombo, whilst another bombing occurred in Batticaloa in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka. The name of the church that was attacked in Batticaloa is Zion church.

On the Tuesday morning, the pastor of this church came to the children's home to pick up dad and I. We spent the morning and early afternoon in Batticaloa visiting their new church building that is under construction, walking around the grounds of the church that was attacked, and visiting some of the survivors of the bombing. It was an eye opening and incredibly heart breaking experience.

31 people lost their lives as a result of the attack; almost half of these were children.

The sheer level of devastation caused by the bombing is not difficult to imagine. However, seeing it firsthand is something else.

We visited a seven year old girl who lost both of her eyes and received numerous scars as a result of the bombing. Not only this, but her mum, dad and older cousin lost their lives; this young girl and her slightly older brother have been left as orphans. They now live with their aunty and uncle.

Their other aunty is also a victim of the bombing; she has third degree burns over her body and was in Colombo receiving treatment when we visited their home. This one family, along with many others across Sri Lanka, has suffered unimaginable pain in the aftermath of the Easter Sunday attack.













When we returned to the children's home on Tuesday afternoon we headed straight to the beach with all of the staff and children. Each time we go to Sri Lanka we try and take the children out on an adventure!

We now have 41 children in the home; 21 boys and 20 girls. Two of our newest boys were found on the street by the authorities with nobody taking care of them. They do not know any information other than their names. The authorities are still in the process of tracking down their families. For these two boys especially, going to the beach was an exciting time! We are uncertain of whether or not they have visited the beach before, so watching them have the time of their lives in the water was very special to see.

Although the beach may look fun judging

by the images above, I did have one of the scariest experiences of my life. We had a bit of a food and drinks break halfway into our adventure at the beach. If there's one thing you should know about this one particular beach however, it is this: instead of having seagulls, they have crows; big, black, bulky crows. Absolutely terrifying.

During this little intermission, one of the girls handed me a piece of cake. I regret taking it. As soon as it was placed in my hand, a large group of crows flew down and took it off me. Everything happened so fast that I did not realise what had taken place until I saw a whole lot of birds fighting over my piece of cake that was now on the sand in front of me. I never want to feel the harsh flapping of crow wings all over my face, neck and arms ever again! It was terrifying. Although, dad may tell a different story; he had a great laugh at my expense...

Around lunchtime on the Wednesday, we took all of the children's home staff out for lunch. We had a meeting to discuss the general running of the homes, as well as to announce some of the plans that we have for later this year; including childsafe training that Sue Shemeikka will run with all of our staff in August, and English classes that I will hold with the children around the same time.

Later that afternoon dad and I made our way to the boys' home. Approximately half of the boys were not there because they were helping prepare our new building on the farm property for the opening the following day. However, I did not have a lot of time to achieve all of the tasks I had so I had to make the most of every opportunity.

We spent our time at the boys' home gathering material for our tax deductible

project (further information can be fund on page 35), as well as spending time with the boys. Despite not speaking the same language, we still manage to communicate somehow! I have learnt throughout my time on the mission field that a smile, and sharing a laugh together, go a long way.

While some boys played volleyball, others showed me various tricks they could do with some of the leaves found on the property. It was actually pretty impressive. They would pull a section of the leaf off and the remainder of it would fly up into the air.

They also loved showing off their ability to do handstands. I ended up showing them a YouTube video on how to do a cartwheel which heightened their enthusiasm even more. After quickly learning the technique, most of the boys were continuously cartwheeling all over the volleyball court.















A majority of our Thursday was taken up by our new building's opening. This building has been built on our farm property and will be used as a church, a multipurpose and training hall for our future Vocational Training Centre, and hopefully a preschool sometime in the next few years. This building is an awesome asset to our work in Sri Lanka!

All of the children from our home were in attendance at the opening, as well as our staff and other friends of our children's home, including numerous ex-children. The opening consisted of a time of worship, prayers, dancing items performed by our girls and encouraging messages from various people. When the service was over, we all came together to enjoy a great meal!

During the opening, a young man named

Aaron was welcomed in as the new pastor of the church we are starting for the children in the building. Aaron was once one of the boys within our children's home. After he left the home he moved to Colombo to complete Bible School. He is now back at the children's home and will move onto the farm property when the accommodation building is upgraded.

In addition to being the pastor, Aaron's role will be to take care of the new building and to oversee all of the activities that take place within it. He will also assist our boys' home staff in the ongoing care of our boys; predominantly through playing the role of chaplain.

Aaron's dedication to the children's home is a great encouragement to all of us. Not only has he been through the homes himself, but he is committed to helping the

staff and children now that he is older.

I absolutely love visiting Sri Lanka. It is always rewarding spending time with the staff and children, and seeing all of the awesome progress that is being made on the farm property, as well as in the children's home.

In the last few months we had another successful harvest of rice. Although the overall amount of rice collected this time round was not as high as our first, we still consider this a huge success; especially because we have enough rice to feed our children and staff for several months.

Our workers have also managed to clear out some palmyra palms that were soaking up water on the property. Clearing these trees has created additional room for us to plant more crops in the future, and it also ensures their water source will not be completely taken away by the palmyra palms.

In addition to these developments, we now have three cows, two calves and two bulls on the property. We are trying to decide the best way to gain an income from them. For now they are keeping the grass down, which helps keep snakes and other potentially dangerous animals away. It also creates a sense of excitement for the children when they visit the farm property.

At the start of 2020 we will be taking a team of people from our church to Sri Lanka. If you are interested in joining the team, please speak to Pr Mike. I encourage anyone who has a desire to visit the children's home to consider coming along.

Mikaela Groom









SOLOMON ISLANDSMISSIONS TRIP JULY 2020

Testimonies from Previous Trips

Going to the Solomon Islands was not what I expected. I really got a different perspective of living, but it was wonderful. I really loved it. It was a great experience.

Jireh Sagun

Our trip to the Solomon Islands was an experience that I will always treasure and never forget. Although we were the ones travelling to the Solomon Islands intending to give our time and service, we definitely received so much more than we gave.

Zoe Manego

For me the trip was a life changing experience because when I got back from the Solomons I felt like a different person. I learnt a lot of things such as remembering to be yourself and to be content with what you have now and to always be thankful.

Alexis Asilo

God is constantly giving me new perspectives in different aspects of my life back here in Australia by continually reminding me of what I experienced over in the Solomon Islands. This missions trip truly embodies the meaning of a humbling experience. I cannot wait for the next time.

Xeanthea Dy

My time in the Solomons consisted of a lot of fun, ministry, games, fellowship, laughs and a lot of good times. It was a very fulfilling time for me and it was nice to be able to spend time with such lovely, welcoming, genuine and fun people.

Rebekah Groom

Details of the Trip

Dates: Monday 6th July - Thursday

16th July 2020

Location: Honiara and Malaita

Team: Pr Mike Groom, Kelly Groom,

Mikaela Groom, Rebekah Groom, Marylou Cotton, Hannah Lees, Scott Ooi, Daniel Matthews, Tiffany Willingale, Bronwen

Clutterbuck

Program to Include

The team will depart Adelaide on Monday 6th July and spend the night in Brisbane. They will travel to Honiara the next day.

During their trip, the team will travel to Malaita Province by boat to visit Daudau and Faugwari villages. They will participate in children and youth programs, worship and preaching sessions, outreach activities and more. It will be an awesome experience for them to minister to and connect with people from a different culture and way of life.

Additional Information

Everyone will be expected to cover their international airfares, travel insurance, medication costs and any spending money. The rest of the trip will be covered through fundraising.

If you are interested in attending the missions trip, we may still be able to book people in for the remainder of March. After March it will be too late to join the team.

Please speak to Pr Mike Groom as soon as possible if you are interested.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Morning Service 5:00pm Sunday Sessions	2 Office Closed	3 5:30pm Conversational English Course 7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect	4 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup 5:30pm Adelaide City Care Board Meeting	5	6 6:00pm Empower Youth	7 6:00pm Engage Dinner
8 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Morning Service 5:00pm Sunday Sessions	9 Office Closed	105:30pm Conversational English Course7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect	11 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup	12	13 6:30pm Empower Youth	14 3:00pm CMD Barbecue
 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Morning Service 1:00pm Childsafe Train 5:00pm Sunday Sessions 	16 Office Closed	175:30pm Conversational English Course7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect	18 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup	19 10:00am Seniors Event	20 6:30pm Empower Youth	21 5:00pm New Arrivals Dinner
8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Morning Service 5:00pm Sunday Sessions	23 Office Closed	245:30pm Conversational English Course7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect	25 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup 5:30pm Finance Team Meeting	26 5:30pm Elders Meeting	27 6:30pm Empower Youth	28 3:00pm Elevate Sleepover
8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Family Service 1:00pm Food and Fun Day	30 Office Closed	315:30pm Conversational English Course7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect				



New Arrivals Dinner

Saturday 21st March

5:00pm

Elevate Sleepover

Saturday 28th March

3:00pm

Family Service

Sunday 29th March

10:00am

Food and Fun Day

Sunday 29th March

1:00pm