

GENERAL INFORMATION





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Tennant Creek Christian





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WELCOME

Hi everyone and welcome to the July edition of our Connect News.

We are now half way through the year and we are still experiencing the uncertainties of COVID-19 restrictions and lock downs.

In Paul's letter to the Philippi Church he encourages them with: 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 4:6-7). Let's also be encouraged by Paul's words.

See page 5 for our upcoming teaching series commencing in August across our three local churches.

Please note my Tennant Creek report on pages 20-21 so you are up to date with the exciting developments taking place.

Also, please read the missions information on pages 28-43 so you are familiar with what is happening across the various people and ministries our three local churches support.

Pr Mike Groom

ABOUT US

We are a Pentecostal church made up of three local churches in two states of Australia: Adelaide Christian Centre (ACC) in Adelaide, SA; New Life Christian Centre (NLCC) in Christies Beach, SA; and Tennant Creek Christian Family Church (TCCFC) in Tennant Creek. NT.

We gather every Sunday in our three locations, as people of all ages and from all walks of life, to celebrate God and to experience a powerful message, and we enjoy a time of worship together.

Our gatherings are relaxed with friendly people, modern music and media presentations. You are more than welcome to join us at any of our Sunday gatherings.

Adelaide Christian Centre 27 Sturt Street, Adelaide 10:00am and 5:30pm

New Life Christian Centre 105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach 10:00am and 5:30pm

Tennant Creek Christian Family Church 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek 10:00am and 6:30pm

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ARTICLE FROM PR MIKE GROOM

Remaining Calm in a Crisis and Uncertainty (Acts 27:8-10)

Life is like a voyage where we experience storms and crises. Paul's example teaches how to remain calm throughout a crisis and uncertainty.

The Storm of Life Can Cause Us to Drift Aimlessly (Acts 27:14 -17)

The relentless battering of adversity can knock us to the point where we lose hope of a brighter and better future.

Acts 18 -19 says: 'So we took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. And on the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard.'

The Storms of Life Can Cause Us to Panic and to Forget What Is Important

Physically, we may stop eating, exercising and sleep less, causing our health to suffer. Emotionally, we may become drained, anxious, worried or stressed. Spiritually, we may spend less time seeking the Lord, we

may reach out to the lost less, we may give less, we may serve less and so on.

The Storms of Life Can Drive Us to A Point of Despair

Acts 27:20 says: 'When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging we finally gave up all hope of being saved.'

Paul's response: he was calm.

Acts 27: 22 says: 'But I urge you to keep up your courage because not one of you will be lost, only the ship will be destroyed.'

How We Handle Waves of Adversity Reveals Our Faith In Jesus

Our character is revealed in a crisis and uncertainty. The strength of our relationship with Jesus is revealed in a crisis. The depth of our trust and confidence in Jesus' provision and protection is revealed when we are battered by life's uncertainties.

In A Crisis and Uncertainty, We Need to Put Down Some Anchors For Stability

Acts 27:29 says: 'Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and they prayed for daylight.'

The first anchor in a crisis is to know that GOD IS PRESENT.

Acts 27:23 says: 'Last night, when an angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, stood beside me.'

Wherever we are, God is there! God promises, to never leave us nor forsake us.

The second anchor in a crisis is to remember the PURPOSE OF GOD.

Acts 27:24 says: 'Don't be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in His goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you.'

God has a purpose and a plan for each of us. Storms and uncertainty are temporary setbacks to fulfilling that purpose. When we focus on our problems, we start drifting and lose sight of the bigger purpose God has.

The third anchor in a crisis is to KNOW GOD'S PROMISE.

Acts 27:25 says: 'So, keep up your courage men, For I have faith in God that it will happen just as He told me.'

What do we do while waiting for God to fulfill His promise? We do what Paul did.

Acts 27:29 says: 'Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks they dropped four anchors from the stern. And they prayed for daylight.'

Keep Praying and Believing Until God's Promise Eventuates (Acts 27:39-44)

God gave them a promise of safety, and everyone made it safely to shore.

Psalm 46:1 says: 'God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.'

Hebrews 6:19 says: 'Hope is the anchor of the soul.'

Where do we get that kind of hope? We get hope from Jesus who injects hope into our hopeless situations and uncertainty.

UPCOMING SERIES: 40 DAYS IN THE WORD

Our Sunday services, as well as our weekly connect groups, will focus on this theme. We will be providing a Daily Devotional for everyone in hard copy and online.

Sunday 15th August

AM Service: Why we can trust in the Word of God

PM Service: Themes from Philippians (Pt 1)

Sunday 22nd August

AM Service: Applying the Word of God into our lives

PM Service: Themes from Philippians (Pt 2)

Sunday 29th August

AM Service: Jesus and the Word

PM Service: Themes from Philippians (Pt 3)

Sunday 5th September

AM Service: The Holy Spirit and the Word

PM Service: Themes from Philippians (Pt 4)

Sunday 12th September

AM Service: Faith in the Word

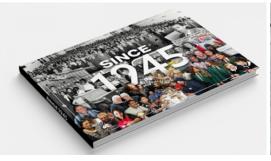
PM Service: Themes from Philippians (Pt 5)

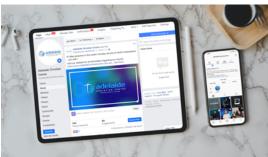
Sunday 19th September

AM Service: Tips to understand the Word

PM Service: Themes from Philippians (Pt 6)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since 1945 - Celebrating 75 Years of Adelaide Christian Centre

Please see us at the info desk after church, or contact us via the church website (link below) if you want to order a copy. The cost of the book is \$35 per copy.

If you need the book to be posted, there will be an extra cost of \$9.20 for one book, or \$18.95 for two or more books up to 5kg.

www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/since-1945/

Please Sign In!

Don't forget to sign in when you come to church. There is a QR code around the church, as well as a manual sign in.

Download Our Church App

Step One: Download 'Church App - Tithe.ly' from the app store on your device.

Step Two: When downloaded, search for Adelaide Christian Centre within the app and install.

ONLINE PRESENCE

YouTube Channel

Each Sunday Adelaide Christian Centre is streaming their live church services through their YouTube channel. Both the 10:00am and 5:30pm services are streamed.

 Feel free to subscribe to the channel: www.youtube.com/c/ AdelaideChristianCentre

Facebook

Adelaide Christian Centre has a private Facebook group for members of their church, along with a Facebook page for the general public.

- Private church group: www.facebook.com/groups/SturtStreet/
- Public church page: www.facebook.com/adelaidechristiancentre/

Instagram

We post need-to-know information and a range of creative content throughout the week. Follow @adelaidechristiancentre today!

CONTACT DETAILS

Contact Details

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Our Team

Lead Pastor: Pr Mike Groom
Associate Pastor: Pr Gregg Manego
Elders Team: Pr Mike Groom, Pr Gregg
Manego, Pr Neil Milne, Hew Barnard Brown,
Lin Andrews and Ian Wood
Children: ACC Kids Team

Children: ACC Kids Team Youth: Empower Team Young Adults: Engage Team Seniors: Peter Chigwidden Finance: Kelly Groom

Administrator: Marita Mabulac

Service Times

27 Sturt Street, Adelaide 10:00am and 5:30pm

Both the morning and evening services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. They are then uploaded for future viewing.

GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on the Adelaide Christian Centre website: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/give/.

Press the 'Give' button under the first option and follow the next steps.

Option Two: Bank Transfer

Deposit your funds into the Adelaide Christian Centre account from your bank account.

Account Name: Adelaide Christian Centre

BSB: 065 005

Account Number: 0090 3471

Option Three: SMS Giving

- 1. Text 'GIVE' to 0439 612 454
- 2. Fill out the giving information
- Once your first gift is made a gift receipt will be received
- 4. After you have given for the first time, you can now give anytime by texting the amount and hitting send.

ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN CENTRE









CRÈCHE

0-3 Years

Our crèche is open every Sunday morning during the service for all those aged 0-3 years. No sign in is required for the crèche as parents are expected to stay and supervise their children when they are in there.

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 TV allows mothers to see and hear what is going on in the service; this is also available in the crèche.

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 6). We are also looking for volunteers to help us in the crèche during our new Sunday night services.

GROW

3-6 Years

It's July and school holidays are almost here! This month we are going to start learning about the heroes of the Bible! Our children receive so much misinformation from the media so a reminder of how amazing the Bible, and the heroes of the Bible are, is more relevant than ever.

I have had a couple of parents contact me in regards to helping their children feel more secure and less anxious about everything that is going on in the world (i.e. COVID). I have posted some resources to our Grow Facebook page and I encourage parents to talk to your children about what is making them anxious, to focus on God and his protection and to pray for those that are unwell. I also encourage you to keep an eye out on Facebook for Pr Mike's updates about what is happening.

If your child or someone in your family is unwell, please let us know so we can pray for them. Thank you all for your ongoing support and prayers.

God Bless, **Cassie Beattie**

ELEVATE

7-11 Years

In term two Elevate learnt about COOPERATION and PRAYER. Our lessons focused on the following messages:

- 1. God made us to work together
- 2. When we work together, we make it better.
- 3. When we work together, we can do big things.
- 4. Jesus helps us make a difference.
- God wants us to talk to him.
- 6. God wants us to talk to him about everything.
- 7. Pray every day.
- 8. When you mess up, you can ask God for help.

We had another successful special Missions Sunday focused Elevate session in June. Not only was this a fantastic opportunity to learn more about missions, but it enables seeds to be planted within the hearts of our children. Who knows what will come out of this in the future! We may have some future missionaries in our midst.

Due to the enthusiastic response we have had from our special Missions Sunday

Elevate sessions, we have decided to dedicate term three entirely to missions! We will be focusing on a different nation each week, and we will have a special Missions Sunday session at the beginning of September where a guest speaker will come in and share about their missionary experiences.

The countries we will be focusing on throughout term three are:

- Solomon Islands
- Papua New Guinea
- India
- Vanuatu
- Fiii
- United States of America
- Philippines
- · Sri Lanka
- Australia

We are looking forward to a great term three. Our first lesson back for term three will be on Sunday 25th July.

We ask all parents to join our Facebook group for all need-to-know information and important updates: www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc

Blessings,

Kelly and Mikaela Groom

ELEVATE KIDS MISSIONS SUNDAY





















ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN CENTRE









EMPOWER

11-16 Years

Empower Youth is open for those from grade six to year ten. We meet every Friday night for events during the school term and we hold a Sunday Bible study during the morning church service (after worship and communion) every Sunday during the school term

We will be taking a two week break from youth activities during the school holidays. Our first event back for term three will be on Friday 23rd July. Our first youth connect group for term three will be on Sunday 25th July.

We will have term three information packs for parents available during the school holidays. If you do not receive on before term three begins, please contact one of our youth leaders and we will give on to you.

We greatly encourage those of youth age, and parents, to join our Facebook group to be in touch with all updated information, especially during this time when plans are constantly changing: www.facebook.com/groups/empoweryouthacc

Upcoming Events

Friday 23rd July Nailed It

Meet at church from 6:30-8:30pm. \$5 each.

Friday 30th July Christmas in July

Meet at church from 6:30-8:30pm. \$10 each.

Friday 6th August Progressive Dinner

Meet at church at 6:00, pick up from church at 8:30pm. \$5 each.

Friday 13th August Sports Night

Meet at church at 6:15pm if you need a ride, or at Temple Christian College at 6:30pm. Pick up from Temple at 8:30pm. \$5 each.

Friday 20th August Scavenger Hunt

Meet at church from 6:30-8:30pm. \$5 each.

Friday 27th August Movie Night

Details to be confirmed closer to the date.

ENGAGE

17+ Years

Engage connect groups are held in two locations every Tuesday night during the school term. The South location is at Paolo and Ester's house located in Morphett Vale and the North/West location is at the Grooms house in Underdale.

Friday 9th July Worship Night

We will be hosting a young adults worship night during the school holidays. We will have a number of other young adult groups from different churches joining in as well. It is sure to be a great night of engaging worship and fellowship.

More details will be released in our Facebook group closer to the date. Be sure to keep an eye out!

We greatly encouraged everyone to join our Facebook group to be in touch with all updated information: www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/

You can also follow us on Instagram: @engageyngadlts

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Sunday MorningPrayer Meeting

Prayer meetings are held every Sunday morning at 9:30am in Seminar Room 1 (opposite the Chapel). Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 18th July Adelaide Christian Centre AGM

Our next AGM will be held at 12pm following our morning service.

Thursday 22th July Seniors Event - Christmas In July

All seniors are welcome to meet at church at 10am for fellowship with a Christmas theme. This will be followed by Christmas activities and lunch. The cost of the roast lunch plus dessert is \$10 per person.

Please let Peter Chigwidden know if you plan on attending the event, and pay, before Sunday 18th July.

There will be no Secret Santa, instead please put a donation in the missions envelopes provided. This is a fundraiser for Sri Lanka Children's Home









FROM PR GREG

I am excited about July. I will be presenting in the morning services *The Gospel in Four Meals*, which is about coming to an understanding of the Gospel as it is revealed, from Creation (good) and Fall (Bad), through Passover (better) to the New Creation (best).

The key truth is that God has saved us from sin through Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

It will be a reminder that the Gospel is central to our lives. We don't move on from the Gospel once saved, but we are transformed deeply by it as we apply it constantly to our lives.

On Sunday 25th July we have Pr Hans Voortman coming to speak on the Holy Spirit as Helper. Praise God that we are not left without help or power. Acts 1:8 says - 'You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you'. But there are some things we need to do to walk in it. We are really looking forward to Pr Hans' visit.

A highlights of this past month for me was watching young people, like Rebekah Manih (pictured above - top right) and Joy Odi, developing their preaching. This is what it is all about, helping people to grow in Christ

and develop their calling – whatever their age. The combined men's brekkie with ACC and NLCC was also a highlight. Was a great time!

We press on with church life through the cold of winter (although it does not really get that cold here in Adelaide) with connect groups, Sunday services and online ministry. We continue to support God's worldwide mission through our world missions involvement, and also putting our shoulder to the wheel in a small way with the work of Adelaide City Care and the work in Tenant Creek. Youth is in recess through school holidays and we look forward to a fresh term in late July.

In July we begin the process of submitting plans to local Council for an extension upgrade to or church facility, which will include an extended foyer area, toilets, café and more.

As a congregation we extend our best wishes to Pr Mike and Lorraine Baker in their new season of life, and to Pr Morris, Nasha and family as Morris takes on the local leadership at Tenant Creek. Many blessings!

God bless and we appreciate all within the ACC ministry and churches.

Pr Greg Crome

CONTACT DETAILS

Contact Details

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5168

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Phone: (08) 8384 4814

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.au

Our Team

Pastor: Greg Crome

Elders Team: Roger Fitton, Sundar Raj, Gail

Pounsett (on sabbatical)
Youth: Pr Greg Crome
Children: Megan Crome

Connect Group: Peter and Janin Odi

Men's Ministry: Sundar Raj

Women's Ministry: Gail Pounsett (on

sabbatical)

Administrator: Roger Fitton

Finance: Janin Odi Deacons: Steve Croft

Service Times

105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach 10:00am (live and online) and 5:30pm

GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on the New Life Christian Centre website: <u>www.newlifeonline.</u> org.au/giving/

Press the 'Online Giving' button under the 'Giving' heading.

Option Two: Bank Transfer

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Deposit your funds into the New Life Christian Centre general account from your bank account.

Account Name: New Life Christian Centre

BSB: 035-053

Account Number: 296 677

MISSIONS ACCOUNT

Deposit your funds into the New Life Christian Centre missions account from your bank account

Account Name: New Life Christian Centre

BSB: 035-053

Account Number: 381 804

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTRE









ONLINE PRESENCE

YouTube Channel

Each Sunday morning at 10:00am New Life Christian Centre streams a prerecorded church service on their YouTube channel.

 Feel free to subscribe to the channel: <u>www.youtube.com/channel/</u> <u>UCgBqq4l1yAy YQQ5c17STow</u>

You can also access the prerecorded service via the church website.

 A link to the service can be found on the home and media pages: <u>www.</u> <u>newlifeonline.org.au</u>

Facebook

New Life Christian Centre has a public Facebook page.

Public church page: www.facebook.com/NewLifeChristies/

Instagram

Follow @new.life.christian.centre today for need-to-know information and other posts!

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Men's Ministry

Regular men's breakfasts are held on Saturday mornings from 7:30-9:00am. The cost of each breakfast is \$6. Other activities including, bowling, an annual fishing event and working bees, also take place throughout the year. See Sundar Raj or Ralph Kehl for more information.

Women's Ministry

Our ladies meet every month for coffee mornings. See Gail Pounsett or Margie Fitton for more information about our. Our women's ministry also raises funds for worthy cause initiatives.

Children and Youth Ministry

We have an excellent program for children and younger teens during the Sunday morning 10:00am service each week. After praise and worship, they are invited to go to our Children's and Youth Church rooms where they enjoy fun activities, learn about faith in God and worship together. Our crèche is also available for young children.

YOUTH AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Launch Youth will be in recess during the school holidays. We will begin our events for term three on Friday 23rd July (see further information in the adjacent column).

Our term three youth program will be released on our church website soon.

Please visit our church website for more information and for the program when it is released

June Theme

The Gospel in Four Meals

This series will take place on Sunday 4th July, Sunday 11th July and Sunday 18th July.

July Prayer Group for Women Date TBA

A Tuesday night prayer group for women and teenage girls. The night will begin at 6:45pm (for a 7:00pm start).

Please contact Debbie Middleton for further information and the date.

Sunday 4th July Missions Sunday

Friday 23rd July YOUTH: Games Night

Our first youth night for term three will be a Games Night.

The night will be held at NLCC from 5:00-6:30pm. The cost of the event is \$3 per person.

Sunday 25th July Visiting Ministry: Pr Hans Voortman

Pr Hans Voortman will be coming to NLCC as a special guest speaker to minister with us for our morning service.

He will be preaching on 'The Helper'. We will be looking at the Holy Spirit as our helper, and to walk in the power of the Spirit.

Sunday 25th July NLCC AGM

Our next church AGM will be held at after our morning service at 12:00pm.

Please head to the Children's Hall to be part of the AGM







VISION CHRISTIAN RADIO

FROM PR MIKE

Tennant Creek Christian Family Church (TCCF) is a church that welcomes all people groups.

Whilst we have a focus on reaching Indigenous Australians to Christ, we have a multi-cultural flavour to our church with people from many different nations as part of in the TCCF family.

We are a Pentecostal church and we gather every Sunday, as people of all ages and from all walks of life, to celebrate God and to experience a powerful message. We also enjoy a time of worship together as a church.

One of our values is Embracing Diversity. By bridging racial, cultural, socioeconomic and generational gaps through a spirit of acceptance and unity.

If you need any assistance or information in regard to TCCF, please contact Pr Edward Kami on 0428 621 333 or myself on 0400 560 501 and one of us will be able to help you.

Blessings,

Pr Mike Groom

GENERAL DETAILS

Contact Details

Office: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek

NT 0860

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

Email: info@tccf.com.au

Phone: 0428 621 333 (Pr Edward Kami) 0400 560 501 (Pr Mike Groom)

Giving Details

Account Name: Tennant Creek Christian

Family Church BSB: 065 005

Account Number: 1076 8547

Our Team

Senior Pastor: Pr Mike Groom

Elders Team: Morris Saunyama, Richard

Baker, Pr Mike Baker

Elliot Outreach: Pr Edward and Josephine

Kami

Indigenous Ministry: Andrew Williams and Miriam Frank Ladies: Josephine Kami

Service Times

190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek 10:00am and 6:30pm

ONLINE AND RADIO PRESENCE

Facebook

Tennant Creek Christian Family Church has a Facebook page for members of their church and the general public.

Public church page: www.facebook.com/Tennant-Creek-Christian-Family-Church-474057526106690

Vision Christian Radio Tennant Creek

Our story as a broadcaster in our own right began in 1999. 'Vision FM' was born on 1st February that year in Springwood, Brisbane. Mid 2001 we moved to a larger premises in Underwood to enable us to better provide 24/7 broadcast coverage to a growing number of relay stations across the nation, plus listeners on the internet.

In the 12 months following March 2001, an expansion began, with our relay stations tripling to around 90. In the same year, we introduced Australia's first nationwide Christian worldview news service – now heard on Vision and around 25 other stations.

In 2003 we had a chance to secure our first

high-powered licences. The network quickly reached 150 relay stations by the end of 2003, and in 2004, our first foray into AM radio followed with sites in Shepparton, Bunbury and Kalgoorlie. Prior to Christmas 2004, a further 17 high-powered licences were secured, going on air in 2005.

Over the years, we've been able to acquire hundreds of high and low-powered open narrowcast licenses to set up a national network of relay stations. Many places have benefited from our cost effective approach of using low-powered FM transmitters. The setup cost is very achievable for most communities and the ongoing cost in minimal due to low maintenance equipment with low power consumption - we even use solar power in some remote areas.

As our network has grown, our program content has also matured and developed. Our team of professional broadcast staff comes from many walks of life and media backgrounds, and are the daily voice of Vision Christian Radio all across Australia.

Vision Christian Radio Tennant Creek / 104.5 FM











PR MIKE TENNANT CREEK REPORT

On Thursday 17th June, Pr Barry Silverback, Pr Gregg Manego and myself travelled to Tennant Creek to visit all the folk in our wonderful church.

It was Pr Gregg's first visit and it was great for Pr Barry and I to visit everyone again. We had a very big clean up around the property and inside the church. Which filled three 6 cubic metre skip bins. Pr Gregg and Pr Edward worked really hard on Friday cleaning up the back yard and dumping the rubbish.

Morris and Nasha treated the three of us to an amazing dinner in their home and we had a wonderful night of fellowship together. Saturday commenced early at the church with a good number of folk turning up to participate in the working bee.

It was a huge day starting at 8am and finishing around 5pm. A huge thank you to everyone for their amazing efforts and time. It is very encouraging to witness the collaboration of everyone sharing in the ministry together at TCCF.

A special thank you to Ebony and her work place 'Manungurra' their tremendous provision of new floor tiles that we used to replace the old carpet in the church. This is truly a blessing of provision from the Lord.

Thank you also to Leah at Safari Motel who generously provided free accommodation for Pr Barry throughout our stay.

We enjoyed the Sunday services and had great attendance rates in both, even

though it was cold! Yep, very cold in Tennant Creek. Pr Gregg preached in the morning and Pr Barry in the evening.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 lockdowns in Darwin, and the quick closure of the South Australian border on Sunday, we had to make arrangements to fly home on Monday, two days earlier than planned.

We travelled back to Alice Springs on Monday morning and flew home late afternoon. The three of us had to enter 14 days of home quarantine.

Tennant Creek Food Relief

We have secured a shop in the main street of Tennant Creek to run our Adelaide City Care Food Relief ministry in partnership with TCCF.

We receive the keys mid-July and will get

the shop ready for our first shipment of food from Foodbank SA early August for opening mid-August. This is exiting news. However, we have a lot to do to get ready.

Adelaide City Care are entering a partnership with Catholic Care, NT who will provide food vouchers for those in need in Tennant and the surrounding communities to collect food from our Food Relief shop.

We need to raise \$10,000 to employ Josephine to be the shop manager, initially for a six month period commencing in August. We have raised \$4,000. If you would like to contribute, please give to Adelaide City Care (details on page 26), with the reference 'Food Relief TC'.

Lastly, thanks to all at TCCF for your wonderful hospitality, assistance and smiles. We had a great time with you and I am encouraged by you all.

INFORMATION

Adelaide Christian Centre

Please follow this link for more information and to access our online connect group resources: www.adelaidechristiancentre. com.au/connect/connect-groups/

FORTNIGHTLY GROUPS

Adelaide City Location: Leader: Mike Planas Phone: 0477 722 948

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

Mount Barker Location: Leader: Nohn Cubio 0439 921 890 Phone:

MONTHLY GROUPS

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

EVENING GROUPS

Engage Young Adults Group:

Underdale Location: Leader: Mikaela Groom Phone: 0425 803 866

Engage Young Adults Group:

Morphett Vale Location: Paolo Mañego Leader: 0490 249 263 Phone:

Location: Hallet Cove Don Datu Leader: Phone: 0451 151 509 Location: Parafield Gardens Angelito and Marycel Leader:

Gatdula

0402 644 117 Phone:

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

Northfield Location: Leader: Marlon Ledesma Phone: 0412615722

Location: Pennington Leader: Pr Gregg Mañego 0404 899 815 Phone:

Location: Sturt

Anna Canturias Leader: Phone: 0451 843 100

Underdale Location: Leader: Pr Mike Groom Phone: 0400 560 501

Location: Largs Bay Leader: Nick Kuiper 0400 560 501 Phone:

New Life Christian Centre

Location: Odis House

1st and 3rd Thurs of month Day:

Phone: 0452 634 630

Location: TBA

2nd and 4th Wed of month Day: Phone: 0417 857 515 (Pr Greg)

Tennant Creek

Meeting: Mid-week Meeting 7:00pm on Wed nights Time: Location: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant

Creek. NT



FROM PR GREGG

Welcome to our July connect group page.

The church, His family, is destined to last forever. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, "I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it".

We know that the church is not a physical building, but it is all about people. It is all about God's family.

The pandemic has made it clear that no one can truly live on their own. We need the love and support of one another. Being in isolation myself due to our recent trip to the Northern Territory, I find this to be the most ridiculous experience I have ever had in my entire life! There is nothing normal about being isolated from people you truly love as you want to spend time with them. It is very restrictive and indeed absurd!

And because we are destined to live together throughout eternity, we better learn to get along with one another now. As what the saving goes, 'Charity begins at home'. While we are here on earth, we must love the family of God. 'By this the world will know that you are my disciples if you love one another' (John 13:35).

Loving one another is the key indicator that we are part of God's family. Christ died for every single member of God's family, and He wants us to learn to love every one of them: even those who are difficult to love!

God created us for one another. This is the reason we are called into a family. We can exist on our own but we cannot truly live a fulfilling life without others. One of the practical steps you can take to show love towards God's family is to get involved and be part of the life of the church through a connect group. There is one near you!



OVERVIEW

Equip Training College (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 offers the following courses:

- Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology
- 2. Diploma in Christian Ministry and Leadership

Our expectation is that each of our students will be taught the fundamentals of the faith in a way that will transform their life and

character, and truly prepare them to fulfil the call of God in their lives.

The unique curriculum and desired outcomes is tailor made to fulfil the Biblical mandate as clearly stated in Ephesians 4:11-12.

We encourage you to consider enrolling into one of our courses - please contact the church office if you are interested.

Contact Details

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Email: office@adelaidechristiancentre.com.au

Phone: (08) 8212 2322

Giving Details

Account Name: Equip Training College

BSB: 065 005

Account Number: 1076 8555

Certificate in Biblical Studies and Ministry

Dynamic Christian Foundations: Presents doctrines of Christian faith, to build a solid theological basis to form spiritual life on.

Introduction to Bible Study: Presents basic principles and methods of Bible study.

Christian Life: Presents a pattern for gracious living, and the manner in which Christians should relate to themselves, to other believers, to their society and to their God

The Church: Examines the church with particular attention given to its origin, purpose, government, ordinances, offices and ministry gift identification.

Spiritual Development: Presents biblical perspectives on God's plan/purpose for man and how God develops a believer's personality through spiritual development.

The Holy Spirit: Presents a balanced interpretation of Holy Spirit baptism that Christians should desire to experience.

Intentional Community: The importance of small group ministry within the context of the local church primarily for discipleship, care and evangelism purposes is taught.

World Missions: Theology and history of world missions, understanding cross-cultural ministry and missionary service.

Practicum (A): Student Study Guides include the Practical Competencies for each Certificate subject.

Practicum (B): Students are to be in an active serving role within their local church.

Diploma in Ministry and Leadership

Great Words of the Gospel: Doctrine of Salvation is clearly defined and expanded.

The Cross and the Crown: Deals with work of Christ. Especially, the historical work of Christ, and the circumstances surrounding His crucifixion and the resurrection.

The Book of Ephesians: Captures themes of Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus: the believer's identity, position and authority in Christ, ministry gifts, and relationships.

The Gifts of the Spirit: Presents a clear and deeper understanding of the purpose and operation of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit in the believer and within the church.

Marriage and Family Life: Explores modern problems inherent in marital and family relationships. Counselling resources and practical advice provided.

Introduction to Christian Counselling: Helps students discover basic concepts of Christian counselling and increases skills in counselling situations.

The Book of Galatians: Captures themes of Paul's letter to church in Galatia: the contrast between law and grace, faith and works, the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit, and between the world and the cross.

Leadership Dynamics: Presents dynamics of leadership as it applies to the individual, teams and local church: platform ministry, communication, ministry ethics, church administration, policies, government etc.

Practicum (A) and (B): Same as adjacent.

ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS







ABOUT US

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

In 2006 new migrants to South Australia was recognised as a disadvantaged group. 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. We provide information on social welfare services, employment, housing, accommodation, banking and finance.

COVID-19 Food Relief

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many international students, new migrants and temporary visa holders to lose their jobs and they are struggling to pay for food, rent, fees and bills. With this in mind, Adelaide City Care have initiated Food Relief efforts to help lessen the impact of the pandemic.

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Web: www.adelaidecitycare.com.au

GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our church website: www.adelaidecitycare.com.au/donate

Press the 'Give' button under the first option of Adelaide City Care and follow the steps.

Option Two: Bank Transfer

Deposit your funds directly into the Adelaide City Care account from your bank account.

Account Name: Adelaide City Care

BSB: 065 000

Account Number: 1254 9544

Option Three: SMS Giving

1. Text 'GIVE' to 0447 013 764

2. Fill out the giving information

- 3. Once your first gift is made a gift receipt will be received
- 4. After you have given for the first time, you can now give anytime by texting the amount and hitting send.

ABOUT US

A 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. Some time 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 ELCs 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 12 schools. 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
- Edai Town, Papua New Guinea

Faith Christian School

- Walhalla, South Carolina, USA

MONTHLY MISSIONS GIVING

Ministry Training			
Papua New Guinea	Bethel Training College	\$300.00 - ACC	
Papua New Guinea	Student Sponsorship Program	\$500.00 - ACC	
India	Missions Training School	\$500.00 - ACC	
India	Evangelos Training Institute	\$250.00 - ACC	
Vanuatu	Missions Training School Students	\$300.00 - NLCC	
Vanuatu	Missions Training School Principal	\$300.00 - NLCC	
Christian Education			
🚟 Fiji Islands	Bethel Crusade Preschools	\$300.00 - ACC	
Papua New Guinea	Bethel Sunrise School	\$300.00 - ACC	
U.S.A.	Faith Christian School	\$500.00 - ACC	
Sri Lanka	Door of Hope Preschool	\$1,100.00 - ACC	
Helping the Needy			
Sri Lanka	Bethel Children's Homes & Farm	\$400.00 - ACC	
Philippines	Children's Feeding Programs	\$100.00 - ACC	
India	Rahab Centre for Hope	\$85.00 - NLCC	
Missionery Convice			

Missionary Service

	Papua New Guinea	Rachelle Hardy	\$200.00 - ACC
	U.S.A.	Warwick and Omega Hughes	\$600.00 - ACC
概等	World	Pr Barry and Rosalie Silverback	\$1,000.00 - ACC
*	Lebanon	Nigel and Lindsay	\$165.00 - NLCC

Other		
👯 🗘 Australia	Indigenous Outreach	\$250.00 - ACC
Vanuatu Vanuatu	Pr Remy Adams	\$90.00 - NLCC

MONTHLY TOTAL

\$7,240.00

MINISTRY TRAINING









Bethel Training College

PNG: ACC commits \$300 per month

Bethel International Training College (BITC) is the registered training facilitator for all training programs in Bethel Christian Centre (BCC). BITC is located at the BCC property in Port Moresby, PNG. Students are from many countries. The environment of cross-cultural relationships provides an ideal setting for an active discipleship college.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for all of the staff and students involved in the college.
- Pray for good health for all staff and students during this time of COVID-19.
- Pray for the successful construction of the new training buildings.

Student Sponsorship

PNG: ACC commits \$500 per month

Students from various countries are sponsored for ministry training in PNG under the International Student Sponsorship Program (ISSP). Dipen served in PNG for a number of years and is now back in India serving in WMFTS. Ilisoni and his family are from Fiji. His wife Viema runs the Preschool Teacher Training at BCC and he is currently on staff at BCC.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for God's guidance, direction and protection for Dipen and Ilisoni.
- Pray for good health for Ilisoni and his family during this time at BCC.
- Pray for Dipen that he will enjoy good health during this time in India.

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MINISTRY TRAINING

















Missions Training School

India: ACC commits \$500 per month

World Missions Faith Training School (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 that all of the staff involved in the school will remain in good health and positive spirits during this pandemic.
- Pray for India as a whole as they are currently going through the worst wave of the pandemic.
- Pray for all of our future students.

Evangelos Training Institute

India: ACC commits \$250 per month

Purnima is a graduate of WMFTS India. She has served in PNG 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 the staff involved in the school during this time, that they will remain in good health and positive spirits.
- Pray for India as a whole as they are currently going through the worst wave of the pandemic.
- Pray for all of our future students.

Missions School Students

Vanuatu: NLCC commits \$300 per month

WMFTS has been running in Vanuatu since 2016. The school is situated in Banban area on Espiritu Santo Island. WMFTS offers training for 12 months. Students live at the School during their training. Students study an International Missions Course on servanthood, submission, faith, sacrifice and more.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the new students who will begin classes soon.
- Pray for good health for all staff and students during this time of COVID-19.
- Pray for Pr Remy and John as they continue to promote the school across Vanuatu.

Missions School Principal

Vanuatu: NLCC commits \$300 per month

John and Unuba Weimani are PNG missionaries who are currently serving at WMFTS in Vanuatu. They have been serving as missionaries in Vanuatu since 2010. John is the Principal of WMFTS Vanuatu. He was saved in 1980 and is a graduate of Bethel Bible College. He has been actively involved in missions work since 1990.

- Pray for God's hand of protection over John and Unuba's lives
- Pray for God's guidance and wisdom in all of the decisions John is making for WMFTS Vanuatu.
- Pray for fruitful ministry in all that they do.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

















Bethel Crusade Preschools

Fiji: ACC commits \$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 our staff, children and their families as they navigate through this uncertain time.
- Pray for great things to be accomplished within our preschools when this pandemic is over.

Sunrise Bethel Christian School

PNG: ACC commits \$300 per month **Tax Deductible Project Code:** J573N

Sunrise Bethel Christian School (SBCS) and Edai Christian School (ECS) are part of Adelaide Christian Schools. SBCS is located in the grounds of Bethel Tabernacle of Praise in Port Moresby. ECS is located at Edai Town, about 30 minutes out of Port Moresby. The schools have just over 400 students and 55 staff teaching children from Early Learning to Grade 10.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for our leadership, staff, students and their families as they serve God in both schools.
- Pray for the successful development of new buildings being constructed at ECS for 2022.

Faith Christian School

U.S.A: ACC commits \$500 per month

Faith Christian School began in 1982. The school is located in Walhalla, South Carolina. It is part of Adelaide Christian Schools, a ministry of ACC. It is associated with Faith Center Church, our national CRC centre in the United States of America. The school offers a Christ-centered innovative learning experience, where character development and the role of the parent are paramount.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that a new principal to be hired, somebody who is a perfect fit for the school.
- Pray for all the children who are currently enrolled in the school through the home schooling system.

Door of Hope Preschool

Sri Lanka: ACC commits \$400 per month

Door of Hope Preschool has been in operation for a number of 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 12 students enrolled with two teachers, however, throughout the pandemic the preschool goes in and out of lockdown along with the rest of Sri Lanka.

- Pray for our staff, children and their families as they navigate through this uncertain time.
- Pray for any challenges faced at the hand of the local government.
- Pray for the ongoing financial support.

HELPING THE NEEDY

















Bethel Children's Homes

Sri Lanka: ACC commits \$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, Thinu, Jonathan and George.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for all of our children during this uncertain time. Believe for all our new children to settle in effectively.
- Pray for our dedicated staff who take care of the children day-today, especially during this time with COVID-19.

Children's Feeding Programs Philippines: ACC commits \$100 per month

Thousands of children have been ministered to throughout the Philippines by our feeding programs. Activities included within the feeding programs are – feeding, Bible teaching, Gospel preaching, prayer, world missions orientation, games, memory verses, praise and worship, and assignments on the Bible. Children camps and family visits may also be included.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that the feeding programs will experience a new wave of enthusiasm and blessing after the coronavirus pandemic.
- Pray for guidance over our leaders as they navigate the future of the feeding programs.

Rahab Centre for Hope

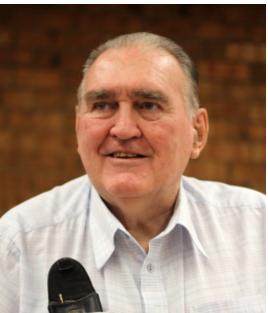
India: NLCC commits \$85 per month

Rahab Centre for Hope rescues and provides complete physical and psychological rehabilitation, as well as education, vocational training and employment opportunities, to women who are abused and who are victims of human trafficking. Rahab ensures they receive the support required to be financially independent to reenter into society.

- Pray for good health for all of the staff involved in the running of Rahab, as well as all of the women currently taking refuge there.
- Pray for India as a whole as they are currently going through the worst wave of the pandemic.

MISSIONARY SERVICE











Rachelle Hardy

PNG: ACC commits \$200 per month

Rachelle Hardy is a long-serving CRC missionary. She is primarily based in Port Moresby and oversees WMFTS PNG. Rachelle travels regularly to India to provide leadership to WMFTS India. She is an extremely faithful and hard working woman and we are very pleased to be supporting her.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that Rachelle will be refreshed and kept in good health during this time as she is staying in Adelaide during the pandemic.
- Pray for God's ongoing sense of peace, guidance and protection over Rachelle's life.

Pr Barry and Rosalie Silverback

World: ACC commits \$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 served as a missionary in PNG for many years and continues to travel to many nations teaching, preaching and mentoring. He truly is a 'father in the faith' to hundreds of people around the globe.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for God's hand of protection over Pr Barry's and Rosalie's lives.
- Pray for God's guidance and wisdom in all of the decisions Pr Barry is making for various nations and ministries.
- Pray for fruitful ministry in all that they set out to do

Warwick and Omega Hughes

USA: ACC commits \$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 Center Church. 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.

- Pray for God's wisdom for those who are leading the work in Walhalla and for good health for the Hughes family and those in the church
- Pray for congregation members to witness to others so they can experience Jesus; pray for doors to open up amongst all that is happening.
- Pray for a new awakening to the reality of Jesus and revival.
- Pray for those in the congregation who are recovering from COVID-19.











TAX DEDUCTIBLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Bethel International Training College PNG

Tax Deductible Project Code: J1098N

Bethel International Training College (BITC) is our main training base in PNG. A range of courses are included within BITC, including Bethel Bible College, World Missions Faith Training School, Bethel Preschool Teacher Training and more.

This project focuses on the construction of a new training centre on the Bethel Christian Centre property to be used for various training initiatives to empower men and women from PNG and beyond.

Fiji Preschools Development Project

Tax Deductible Project Code: J352N

We have relaunched our tax deductible project for our Fiji preschools. The next three year phase began in January 2021.

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.

For further information please look at our church website or the links in the following column.

Regular updates about our projects will hopefully be released bi-monthly.

Sri Lanka Displaced Children Development Project

Tax Deductible Project Code: J982N

We have relaunched our tax deductible project for our children's homes. The next three year phase began in January 2021.

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).

For further information please look at our church website or the links in the following column.

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

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Account Number: 10200094

Reference: Your initials + project code

Please include your initials (e.g. J. Smith), followed by the project code you wish to donate to (J1098N for Bethel Training PNG 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 J1098N, 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.

















BETHEL CRUSADE PRESCHOOLS FIJI REPORT

This report contains updates of work that has been done in our Daku, Savusavu and Nacavanadi preschools following Cyclone Ana earlier this year.

In the last week of January we left for Savusavu to start the work of dismantling the preschool from its old location to move it to a new location. The new location was given to us by a land owner near the place the preschool was previously located.

The land owner gave us a place to relocate the school temporarily until we are able to secure permanent land to build the new school.

It took us four weeks to dismantle and rebuild the school. We hired two carpenters and a labourer to do the work. We also had the help of our church boys from Savusavu.

After finishing the rebuilding work, the preschool reopened for 2021 on Monday 1st March. 34 children are currently enrolled in the preschool.

We thank Pr Mike Groom for providing funds to construct a road to the new property, as well as to cover the cost of materials used for the new facility, including two toilets.

In the third week of January Boila and I left for Daku from Savusavu to assist in repairing the school from damage caused by Cyclone Ana. We repaired the facility, fixed all the windows that were broken and redid the painting.

We went back to Savusavu after spending three days in Daku. This year we have six children currently enrolled in the preschool.

I want to thank Pr Mike once again for helping us with the finances needed to complete the repair work in Daku.

We stayed in Nacavanadi village during the time we worked on the Savusavu preschool.

After working on the Savusavu preschool during the day we would go back to the village at night to continue repairing the Nacavanadi Preschool.

We fixed the damage caused by Cyclone Ana, including repairing the fence, fixing the gate, replacing the louvres and repainting the building. We currently have 22 children enrolled in the Nacavanadi preschool.

In addition to these three preschools, we have 75 children enrolled in our Suva preschool, 32 in our Lakena preschool, 18 in our Koro Island preschool, 51 in our Sigatoka preschool and 9 in our Labasa preschool.

I want to thank Waurn Ponds Community Church for sending funds for the fencing of Savusavu preschool and Nacavanadi preschool.

This fencing job has been put on hold as we experienced a time of lockdown here in Suva due to COVID-19 being very serious at the moment. We will return to Savusavu to finish the fencing work when we are able.

Thank you for the prayers and the support we are receiving from you all.

Pr Alipate Yagomate

MISSIONS









VANUATU UPDATE

First of all, we would like to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His protection over our nation from this global pandemic as we are still free from cases of COVID-19. Despite this, we still have travel restrictions in place, particularly on international travel.

We praise God that we can still travel nationally as normal to visit our churches in the provinces, as well as conducting church services and social gatherings.

Church Planting

Vanuatu is made up of six provinces and we have a vision to plant churches in every province by 2025. We have reached five provinces, with one to go.

We have six churches in our nation. Two

churches were planted last year - one in Torba Province and the other in Tanna Province. We also have four outreach churches.

In January this year I travelled with our youth ministry to our church in Emau to visit Pr Amy Henry and to help him build his house. We also conducted crusades in his church during this time.

In March I travelled to visit our pastors in their churches in other provinces to encourage them during this time. I also used this opportunity to promote our World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS).

Ministry Training

Our WMFTS facilities in Santo were badly damaged by Cyclone Harold last year. The school was subsequently put on hold while facilities were repaired. I arranged for a team to go on two trips to Santo to work on the repairs.

As a result of the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and Cyclone Harold, the staff and the students of WMFTS went through a lot of stress and emotional challenges.

Out of the five students that were enrolled in the school for the 2019/2020 intake, only one faithful girl completed her studies and graduated. Her name is Lorinda and she is now serving as one of our preschool teachers in Port Vila. The other four students were not able to complete their studies. This year, we are planning to reopen the school and are waiting for the students to enter and commence classes.

Training in God's Word is very important so we also maintain our night Bible school classes through the Door Step Night Bible School. This is part of the discipleship training for new souls saved in our church in Port Vila. These classes provide an opportunity for students and members of our church with full-time employment to study the Word of God.

Last year on Sunday 20th December we celebrated the tenth graduation of the Bible School with two faithful students graduating.

Preschools

We have two preschools in Vanuatu. One in Port Vila, CRC Vanuatu Preschool, and the other one in Eratap, Etariu Preschool. We currently have five teachers. Four teachers are serving in our Port Vila preschool and one teacher is serving in our Etariu preschool.

This year our school program is still going with 22 students in Port Vila and 12 students in Etariu. In our preschool in Port Vila we feed our students with lunch and provided a day care for children whose parents have full-time employment working in the Government or the private sector.

Last year we celebrated our fifth graduation ceremony for our eight graduating students. These students will continue as grade one students in primary schools around town

Youth Ministry

This year we had a successful Youth Easter Camp on Pele Island with a lot of fun, games and teaching on the theme 'Characteristics of Good Christian Leaders'. We also held crusades during the nights. At the end of the Easter Camp a number of youth gave their lives to Jesus and were water baptised.

Conclusion

During this COVID-19 pandemic our churches are facing financial challenges. Some of our churches are in the process of rebuilding after damage caused by Cyclone Harold.

We are planning to reopen WMFTS this year but we still have some more repair work that needs to be completed.

We welcome any financial support towards our churches, preschool or training schools. If you would like to support the work here in Vanuatu, please contact CRC Missions office.

Pr Remy Adams





