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CHRISTIAN CENTRE

# CONNECT

MAY 2022

## CHURCH MINISTRIES

School holidays are over and our regular church ministries are recommencing. Further information can be found inside.

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## GIVE A COFFEE

We have launched a new fundraising campaign to raise money for a coconut plantation at our farm in Kalkudah, Sri Lanka.

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## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Pr Mike and Mikaela travelled to Papua New Guinea at the end of April. A report of their trip can be read inside.

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# WELCOME TO ACC

Welcome to Adelaide Christian Centre (ACC). We trust that you enjoy your time with us.

This month we have a number of exciting events coming up. Mother's Day will take place at the beginning of May. We will be holding a special Mother's Day service,

Please keet Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June in mind as we will be holding a missions dinner to raise funds for our new training centre currently under construction at Bethel International Training College in Papua New Guinea.

As you read through this edition of Connect News, please take note of the links in the online version. They are all linked to the respective webpages.

Please refer to our website for all information relating to our church ministries, including Equip Training College, children and youth ministry, global missions and more.

You can also look online for all the activities and information relating to Adelaide City Care and Adelaide Christian Schools at [www.adelaidecitycare.com.au](http://www.adelaidecitycare.com.au) and [www.acschools.edu.au](http://www.acschools.edu.au).

We are continuing our 'Give a Coffee Campaign' but are now raising funds to start a coconut plantation on our Bethel Children's Homes farm in Sri Lanka to help with long-term sustainability. Please read on for more information.

Blessings, **Pr Mike Groom**

# UPDATES

Term two has arrived! This means that all of our church ministries are back in operation. For all information regarding our church ministries, please refer to our church website and Facebook groups. For information surrounding your connect group, please speak to your connect group leaders.

**Grow Kids:** [www.facebook.com/groups/515902745980537](https://www.facebook.com/groups/515902745980537)

**Elevate Kids:** [www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc](https://www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc)

**Empower Youth:** [www.facebook.com/groups/empoweryouthacc](https://www.facebook.com/groups/empoweryouthacc)

**Engage Young Adults:** [www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/)

# PRAYER

## Missions Prayer Requests

- Recovery and healing for Pr Remy Adams' son Alfred. As many of you know, Pr Remy is our CRC National Leader in Vanuatu. His son was involved in a serious car accident near Brisbane towards the end of March and he suffered major injuries.
- Granting of visas for Jeremiah Madimadi, Delia Madimadi and their daughter Nelliewinnie. They will be sent to our church in Tennant Creek as missionaries.

## Church Prayer Requests

- Please contact the church office if you have any prayer requests.



## LADIES' DINNER Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Our Ladies' Dinner in 2021 was a huge success. If you would like to be involved in this year's dinner please contact the church office or talk to the ladies at the info desk. The dinner is free and it will begin at 6:00pm.



## SENIORS EVENT Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May

All seniors are invited to meet at Joan Laube's house at 10:00am. The event will consist of a time of fellowship with a special guest speaker, Ruth Reddy. Please RSVP to Peter Chigwidden if you will be attending.



## CHILD SAFE TRAINING Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Everyone involved in our children and youth ministries need to ensure they are up to date with their child safe training. Our next training will be held at church from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. Please register by contacting the office.



## NEW ARRIVALS DINNER Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May

All new migrants are welcome to attend our first NAD since the pandemic began! Please register by Thursday 28th May. Everyone is asked to arrive at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start. If you would like to volunteer please contact the office.



# GIVE A COFFEE CAMPAIGN

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.

In addition to the children's home we own a farm. We are hoping to develop this farm so it can provide a stable source of income for the homes.

With this in mind, we have decided to relaunch our 'Give a Coffee' fundraising campaign. We ran this campaign last year to raise money for our Door of Hope Preschool in Sri Lanka. It was a huge success!

We are aiming to raise enough money to develop a coconut plantation on five acres of the farm property. This involves developing the land, planting and caring for the trees, constructing a new house for a farmer to take care of the land, and employing the farmer. We do not have a specific monetary goal but we are hoping to raise enough to be able to accomplish all of the above.

## How It Works

We are looking for people willing to make a commitment to give \$5 per week for one year (the price of a coffee) to contribute to the development of the coconut plantation.

If you would like to make a commitment, please contact the church office or fill in one of the forms located at the info desk.

# PAPUA NEW GUINEA

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April dad and I travelled to Papua New Guinea (PNG). This was our first overseas trip since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Travelling to PNG felt too good to be true after such a long time away.

We drove straight to Bethel Christian Centre when we arrived and were welcomed by the pastors, staff, students and families. What an amazing welcome it was! It was so good to see everyone's smiling faces again. Although we have been able to connect via Zoom and other online avenues, absolutely nothing beats seeing everyone in-person.

I had the privilege of sharing with the youth and young adults the night we arrived. I shared a personal testimony surrounding the call of God and missions. It was a great night.

Over the following days I was given opportunities to share with our missions school students and our preschool

teachers in training. I discussed various Bible study techniques with the missions school students and spent time discussing my missions involvement with the preschool students. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with both groups and can't wait to visit again later this year to run English classes with them.

On the Wednesday morning I shared in the morning chapel service. I titled my message 'Deciding to Grow'. Prior to going on this trip it hit me that I have grown and developed quite a lot since I last went overseas. Now I am at a stage where I can preach and minister at a different level; I wasn't doing that to the same extent as I am now prior to the pandemic. I'm happy to be at the stage I am now as I had a great time ministering with those on the Bethel Centre property.

At the time of writing this report, I am halfway through my trip. This coming week I will take photos and videos of our new training building that is currently being built. It is a very impressive building! I'm excited to see and be part of all of the amazing things that will flow from it when we are able to use it.

One of my favourite parts of my trip so far has been reconnecting with old

friends and building deeper connections with others. I am absolutely loving all of the fellowship and the long chats I'm having with all different people at Bethel Centre. I am already anticipating how sad I will be when it is time to leave. It truly does feel like home here!

Dad also had many opportunities to minister with the people on the Bethel Centre property, as well as the church congregation. His trip was full of meetings and other ministry endeavours. He spoke at both services on Sunday and had a great time of prayer ministry in the second service. He also had time ministering with the students on the Bethel Centre property.

One of the highlights of our trip was going to Gaire village to see our preschool and to visit the church leaders. The preschool is going very well - the kids are so cute! It was very encouraging to see two of our preschool teacher training course graduates running the preschool. What an awesome ministry!

We are hoping to begin our preschool on the Bethel Centre property at the start of 2023 once our training building is complete. We were able to develop further plans for the preschool during this trip and we are excited for all that is to come. Please keep the future of our preschool ministry in PNG in your prayers.

This first overseas missions trip has been such a special experience. The pandemic is almost behind us and the days of heavy international travel restrictions are coming to an end. Praise the Lord!

**Mikaela Groom**



## ONLINE PRESENCE

**Web:** [www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au](http://www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au)

**YouTube Channel:** [www.youtube.com/c/AdelaideChristianCentre](http://www.youtube.com/c/AdelaideChristianCentre)

**Private Facebook Group:** [www.facebook.com/groups/SturtStreet/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SturtStreet/)

**Public Facebook Page:** [www.facebook.com/adelaidechristiancentre/](http://www.facebook.com/adelaidechristiancentre/)

**Instagram:** [@adelaidechristiancentre](https://www.instagram.com/adelaidechristiancentre)

## CONTACT DETAILS

**Office:** 33 Sturt Street, Adelaide SA 5000 | Open Tuesday-Friday, 9am-5pm

**Email:** [office@adelaidechristiancentre.com.au](mailto:office@adelaidechristiancentre.com.au)

**Phone:** (08) 8212 2322

**Service Times:** 10:00am and 5:30pm

## GIVING DETAILS

### Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our website: [www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/give/](http://www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/give/).

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

### Option Two: Bank Transfer

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

## OTHER CHURCH LOCATIONS

### New Life Christian Centre

**Address:** 105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach, SA 5165

**Web:** [www.newlifeonline.org.au](http://www.newlifeonline.org.au)

**Service Times:** 10:00am and 5:30pm

### Tennant Creek Christian Family Church

**Address:** 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, NT 0860

**Facebook Page:** [www.facebook.com/Tennant-Creek-Christian-Family-Church-474057526106690](http://www.facebook.com/Tennant-Creek-Christian-Family-Church-474057526106690)

**Service Times:** 10:00am and 6:30pm