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CHRISTIAN CENTRE

# CONNECT

AUGUST 2022

## SRI LANKA APPEAL

Sri Lanka is currently enduring a devastating economic crisis. We are raising funds for our key ministries during this time.

**More information on page 4**

## BUILDING IN PNG

We are continuing to raise money for our new training building at Bethel International Training College in Papua New Guinea.

**Further details on page 4**

## FIJI TRIP REPORT

Pr Mike, Kelly and Mikaela Groom enjoyed a trip to Fiji in July. Look inside to see what they got up to during their trip.

**Trip report on pages 5-7**

# WELCOME TO ACC

Welcome to this month's edition of Connect. I trust you enjoy your read through this edition.

Please keep in mind that we are still raising money for our children's home, farm and preschool in Sri Lanka and our new training building and preschool at Bethel Centre in Papua New Guinea. Further information about both of these appeals, along with giving information, can be found on page 4. A big thank you to everyone who has contributed and will continue to contribute to these appeals.

We have also included a report on Kelly, Mikaela and I's recent trip to Fiji. I trust you enjoy reading through the report written by Kelly and looking at all of the photos.

Our church ministries are back on as per usual for the month of August. Links to our church ministry Facebook groups can be found in the following column. Please contact your connect group leaders for information about your connect group.

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).

Blessings, **Pr Mike Groom**

# UPDATES

Our church ministries are resuming their normal programs in August. For all details regarding our church ministries, please refer to our church website and Facebook groups. For information surrounding your connect group, please get in contact with 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

- Swift and urgent economic revitalisation in Sri Lanka so the shortages in basic necessities can be addressed. Physical and relational healing as Sri Lanka reckons with its bloody history and strains toward a renewed unity across ethnicities, religions, and languages.
- Granting of visas for the Madimadi family who are being sent to our church in Tennant Creek as missionaries.

## Church Prayer Requests

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



## EQUIP TRAINING COLLEGE GRAD Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Our first batch of graduates from our Equip Training College will be graduating during our morning service at the end of July. It has been a long time coming but we are excited to present our first batch of students with their certificates.



## SENIORS EVENT Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August

All seniors are welcome to meet at church at 10:00am. The event details for this month are yet to be confirmed. Please bring money for lunch and contact Peter Chigwidden closer to the date for further details..



## CRC NATIONAL CONFERENCE Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Keep these dates in your diaries! Our CRC national conference is coming up in a couple of months. There is a cost if you would like to attend the full conference but night meetings are free and open to everyone who would like to attend.



## JEREMIAH AND DELIA MADIMADI Missionaries from Papua New Guinea

Jeremiah and Delia are faithful servants and experienced leaders who have been serving at Bethel Centre for numerous years. They are excited about relocating to Tennant Creek where Jeremiah will take on the role of senior pastor.





# SRI LANKA APPEAL

**FROM PR SOMANATHAN**

In 2022, on the tail end of a vicious battle against the COVID-19 pandemic with limited resources, Sri Lanka plunged into the worst economic crisis in our history. We are grateful that the ministries and mission work continue to move ahead despite these challenges. As a pastor, it has been incredibly heartbreaking to witness the church community suffering. We continue to encourage one another and stir one another to good works, yet it is clear that we are entering a season of serious difficulty.

## GIVING DETAILS

We are raising additional funds for Bethel Children's Home, Door of Hope Farm and Door of Hope Preschool to keep on top of the current needs during this pressing situation.

Please see ACC's giving details on the back/final page. In the reference section of your deposit please say 'Sri Lanka Appeal'. For tax deductible options please contact the church office.

# BUILDING IN PNG

**FROM PR BARRY SILVERBACK**

The long awaited vision is becoming a reality. The prophet Habakkuk states "the vision is for an appointed time, though it is slow in coming, wait for it because it will surely come to pass."

For years we have taught under poor conditions and have faced constant threats of flooding. Soon we will have an excellent environment for the teaching and training of students, as well as proper facilities for Zoom lectures and visual presentations.

This facility will include offices for our course principals, and a preschool that will be open to the community and will provide our preschool teachers with practical experience.

## GIVING DETAILS

Please see ACC's giving details on the back/final page. In the reference section of your deposit please say 'BITC Building Project'. For tax deductible options please contact the church office.

# FIJI TRIP REPORT

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Mike, Mikaela and I headed to Fiji. It had been at least three years since any of us had visited Fiji so we were pretty excited to see everyone again. We landed in Nadi and, after a quick stop at Maccas, we headed straight to Sigatoka to attend the CRC Fiji National Conference.

What a joy it was to spend three days with everyone! Pastors and leaders had come from Lautoka, Nadi, Sigatoka, Suva, Lakena, Labasa and Savusavu. Other pastors and leaders from Melbourne and Geelong were there as well.

The theme of the conference was 'Rise to the Call', and we were all reminded of the original vision of the CRC in Fiji. We were especially challenged to be purposeful in evangelism, church planting, pioneering new frontiers and the need to train and send out missionaries.

It was so special to be reunited with old friends and discover new ones. As we sat around the meal table (the curries were incredible), it was so good sharing stories

together and catching up with everyone who was there.

One morning I was sitting across from Immanuel, one of the leaders in the Suva church. It was after a session where Mike spoke and reminisced about the early days of the CRC in Fiji. Immanuel told me that he was baptised by Mike when he came to Fiji for the very first time back in 1996. Immanuel was four back then. He is now 30 and is faithfully serving the Lord. Pretty cool!

We headed to Suva after the conference and stayed with everyone on the church property. Mike and I stayed with Boila and it was very special being with her, along with Boila's children, Salote and Ritchie, Ritchie's wife, Maca, and Boila's grandchildren, Daniel and David.

On the Saturday we attended a memorial service for Pr Alipate Yagomate, planned for the first anniversary of his passing. It was such a meaningful time with many people sharing their memories of Pr Alipate, encouraging and comforting everyone there.

Boila also shared and spoke of her experience over the past year, especially in how she has handled grief and the loss of her husband. Boila is doing so well



and her courage and resilience is to be admired. She is such a beautiful lady and special friend and I loved being there with her.

During the church service on the Sunday morning, Mike commissioned Pr Alipate's son, Ritchie, as the Senior Pastor of Bethel Christian Family Centre, Suva. The morning was a wonderful time of celebration and there were many people in attendance.

We enjoyed the fellowship with everybody, and it was great to see so many young people, and many others, being so enthusiastic and encouraged by what God has in store for the local church there in Suva.

On the following Monday we stopped in at Sigatoka on our way back to Nadi to see Pr Pritum and Pr Faith Singh once again. We left Mikaela there and she spent the night and following morning with Pr Pritum and Pr Faith.

On the Tuesday morning she attended the preschool with Pr Faith and her team. She took photos of the property, preschool and the children and enjoyed seeing what takes place during a morning session. She had been in and out of the different preschools before but she had not spent a whole morning in one. She really enjoyed her time and found the children very cute.

We are blessed to be part of the work of God in Fiji. I praise God for the many friendships that have been formed as we have partnered together to pursue all that God desires for the nation of Fiji and beyond.

**Kelly 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

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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