



Tennant Creek
Christian Family
Church



MADIMADI FAMILY

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HUGHES UPDATE

The Hughes family have been in the USA for four years now. An update of their time in Walhalla is included inside!

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USA TRIP REPORT

Shekinah and Mikaela are back from the USA. Have a look inside to read about the trip from Shekinah's perspective.

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WELCOME TO TCCFC

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

I have had a very busy September. I returned from the United States of America (USA), I made a quick visit to Tennant Creek and I also snuck in a very quick trip to India!

Although I had a jam packed month, I have fantastic news we have to share! Pr Jeremiah, Delia and Nelliewinnie Madmadi have arrived in Adelaide and will be travelling to Tennant Creek on Wednesday 12th October.

They have been enjoying their time in Adelaide where they have received a very warm welcome. They have been

busy spending time with old and new friends and helping out around Adelaide Christian Centre.

I will be travelling with them to Tennant Creek to help them settle in and introduce them to the church. They are very excited about this opportunity to serve you all in Tennant Creek. I believe they will be warmly welcomed and received.

Please continue to pray for the Madimadi family, as they settle into Tennant Creek. Please also pray for the Kami family as they head back to Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Blessings,
Pr Mike Groom

MISSIONS

Bethel Children's Home TCCFC commits \$200 per month

Bethel Children's Home has been in operation since 1998. All of the children have been affected by the war and unrest in Sri Lanka: displaced, physiologically affected, discriminated against.

TCCFC sponsors two children, one boy (Nithusan) and one girl (Saruja).

Door of Hope Preschool TCCFC commits \$100 per month

Door of Hope Preschool is located in Vavuniya in the north of Sri Lanka. It is predominantly made up of Tamil speaking children.

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.
- Safe travels and efficient settling into Tennant Creek for the Madimadi family. They will travel to Tennant Creek on Wednesday 12th October.

Church Prayer Requests

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



SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICES Sunday 16th and 23rd October

On Sunday 16th October we will have a commissioning service for the Madimadi family. On Sunday 23rd October we will have a farewell for the Kami family. A fellowship lunch will follow both services and there will be no evening services.

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY Tuesday Nights

Everyone is welcome to join us at church for prayer and Bible study on Tuesday nights. The nights begin at 6:30pm. If you need a ride to and from church please contact Edward or Miriam and they will organise a ride for you.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY Thursday Nights

All ladies are invited to join us for Bible studies at church on Thursday nights. Our Bible studies begin at 6:30pm. If you would like any further information, or if you need a ride, please contact Josephine or Miriam.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Friday Nights and Sunday Mornings

Our youth are welcome to join us at church on Friday nights at 6:30pm. Our children are welcome to join us on Sunday during the church service. If you would like to help out please speak to Ebony (youth) or Pa (children).



MADIMADI FAMILY

Pr Jeremiah, Delia and Nelliewinnie Madimadi have arrived in Australia and are preparing to go to Tennant Creek. Pr Jeremiah will take on the Senior Pastor position at Tennant Creek Christian Family Church.

Pr Jeremiah and Delia are faithful servants and experienced leaders who have been serving at Bethel Centre in Port Moresby, PNG for several years. Pr Jeremiah is from Milne Bay province in PNG. Delia is a missionary from the Philippines.

They arrived in Adelaide from PNG on Tuesday 20th September. They are spending three weeks in Adelaide for some orientation and to attend the CRC National Conference.

Pr Mike will take them to Tennant Creek on Wednesday 12th October to settle them in and introduce them to the church as their new leaders.

Although their loss may be felt in PNG, their hearts for God and their dedication to His call are very inspiring!

HUGHES UPDATE

Hello from Walhalla, South Carolina, USA. It has been just over four years since we as a family came to the USA. It certainly has been challenging for us.

You would think it's easy to come and live amongst everyday English speaking people, but it has its challenges when you realise that the way English is spoken here is different.

A good number of the foodstuffs are similar, but can be prepared for eating very differently, and some of the meals eaten for breakfast, lunch and dinner are very different.

Even the way we may think in some things as a Christian can be different to how Christians think here.

I remember asking for some chips in a restaurant to have with my lunch. Thinking I was going to get a pile of deep fried hot potato chips that you get when you have fish and chips, instead I got a pile of potato chips out of a packet you buy in the shop. I was totally shocked and one person said you got what you asked

for. He said you should have asked for french fries. Well, I learnt my lesson and have never asked for chips again but french fries.

When we first came to Walhalla we focussed on bonding with people in the church family. We focussed on this for three years and it has been really good as we have gotten to know everyone and they have gotten to know us.

Earlier this year Jesus placed this scripture strongly on my heart from John 4:38. From the Passion Translation it says, "I have sent you out to harvest a field that you haven't planted, where many others have labored long and hard before you. And now you are privileged to profit from their labors and reap the harvest."

Based on that scripture we set a goal in January 2022 that in the next three years we are believing to double the amount of people we have in the church. We are seeing that happen slowly. It is exciting to see what God is doing here at Faith Center Church.

Omega and I had a burden for the few young children and teenagers we have in the church. We had three small children aged 4-5 years and three teenagers in

the church family. Omega and I had a burden to do something like a children's church for these young ones.

We had experimented with some ideas then we had a young couple we know well come along with their two children and they offered to run a children's church. We have since seen the younger ones excited about being in children's church and the teenagers being involved in some leadership roles. It is such a blessing to all of us.

As a family, education for our two boys has been a big adjustment. The system used here took some time to adjust to and get our heads around. Then with us closing the school for a time, finding a school to put the boys in became a big challenge.

At one stage it looked like things were not working out too well for one of our boy's schooling. But by the grace of God and looking prayerfully to Jesus it worked out. Our boys are now doing online Christian Education.

We have been blessed and encouraged with the recent visit of Pr Mike and Kelly Groom, along with Mikaela Groom and Shekinah Sagun. They have blessed us tremendously. Thank you.

USA TRIP REPORT

SHEKINAH SAGUN

In August and September, I had the pleasure of joining Pr Mike, Kelly and Mikaela for a missions trip to the USA. We visited multiple places including Los Angeles, San Diego, Atlanta, various spots in North and South Carolina, and of course, Walhalla.

We ate a lot of food and saw a number of gorgeous places. We even managed to squeeze in a quick baseball game at Petco Park in San Diego that I was very excited about.

Pr Mike and Kelly were only with us for two and a bit weeks before they travelled back to Adelaide. When they left, Mikaela and I spent the remainder of our trip at Faith Center Church (FCC) in Walhalla, South Carolina.

Coming into the trip, I was not sure what to expect knowing a bulk of our stay was going to be in Walhalla, but boy were we in for a treat.

From afar, Walhalla may look like a small town in the middle of nowhere but Pr Mike and our family at FCC showed us so many beautiful gems in and around the town.

The scenery and drives are like no other - there were lakes and greenery everywhere. Tall tree forests that go on for acres, mountains with breathtaking views, and food so comforting that it often feels just like a home cooked meal most of the time.

Spending a few weeks in just Walhalla, I got to really experience the culture they have down in the South. This culture and experience was so different to what I had experienced before. The pride each local holds for the town was quite encouraging.

I had such a blast experiencing a local college football game at Clemson University and the beautiful day trips we took to various spots in North Carolina and Georgia.

One of my jobs to tick off the list while I was in the USA was to capture some drone footage of the FCC property. The property they have is incredible and it took me a few days to capture all of the drone footage I needed because it was quite large.

It was during those moments where I felt such an overwhelming inspiration for what God has planned for the church in the near future.

FCC has already served a lot of people in the past with their ministries, but now I feel even more excited about how God will use the church to bless and inspire others in the years to come.

Having 'lived like a local' for a few weeks was an overall energising experience for me in many different areas. My heart has deeply grown a very special place for our congregation members at FCC and the town of Walhalla.

I am grateful for the people I met during my visit and for the new friends I have made. This was a trip I will treasure fondly and a place I encourage everyone to keep in your prayers and visit if the opportunity arises.



ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: www.tccf.com.au

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/Tennant-Creek-Christian-Family-Church-474057526106690

CONTACT DETAILS

Address: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, NT 0860

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

GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Bank Transfer

Account Name: Tennant Creek Christian Family Church

BSB: 065 005

Account Number: 1076 8547

Reference: Missions or Tithes

Clearly add in the description if your offering is for tithes or missions.

Option Two: Sunday Offering

Missions: Please place your missions giving into an envelope. Write missions on the front and place into the offering.

Tithes: Please place your tithes in the general offering.

OTHER CHURCH LOCATIONS

Adelaide Christian Centre

Address: 27-33 Sturt Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Web: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au

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

New Life Christian Centre

Address: 105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach, SA 5165

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.au

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

Faith Center Church

Address: 115 Worley Lane, Walhalla SC 29691, United States

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla>

Service Time: 10:00am