



Tennant Creek
Christian Family
Church

CONNECT

APRIL 2022

PRAYER REQUESTS

We have a number of prayer requests at the moment, including visas for our PNG missionaries coming to Tennant Creek.

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GIVE A COFFEE

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

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HUGHES REPORT

The Hughes family are our missionaries in Walhalla, South Carolina, USA. Check out their monthly update inside.

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WELCOME TO TCCFC

Hi all and welcome to this month's new look Connect. I trust you like the new format that is made especially for Tennant Creek Christian Family Church.

I enjoyed my very brief trip recently and the Sunday services. It was encouraging to see so many children, especially those who gave their hearts to the Lord.

Please read through the upcoming events and the missions news. Pr Warwick Hughes from our church in Walhalla, South Carolina in the USA has written a very good article and there are a few photos as well. We will have a report from Pr Warwick each month.

As you would be aware by my announcement when I was there in the

Sunday morning service, Morris, Naysha, and family are moving to Darwin late April. Morris will be taking up another vocation position. Their last service at TCCFC will be Easter Sunday, so let us have a great day as we send them off. No doubt we will see them from time to time.

They have been a fantastic blessing to TCCFC over a number of years and will be sorely missed. I have appreciated their input and heart for our church family. Thank you Morris, and Naysha for all your wonderful support and dedication whilst you have been a part of the TCCFC family. We ALL appreciate you so much.

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

- Recovery and healing for Pr Remy Adams' son Alfred. 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 Pr Elijah Umeume, Jeremiah Madimadi and Delia Madimadi. They will all be sent to our church in Tennant Creek as missionaries.

Church Prayer Requests

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



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE Sunday 17th April

Our Easter Sunday service will begin at 10am as per usual. We will be remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross and celebrating His resurrection. There will be no evening service on Easter Sunday.

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).



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 launch our 'Give a Coffee' fundraising campaign. We ran this campaign last year in Adelaide Christian Centre and New Life Christian Centre 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.

HUGHES FAMILY REPORT

Greetings to you all. I know the world seems to be full of so many things at this time, causing us to ask many questions. It's good that we ask questions but the answers to our questions sometimes cause difficulty. We must keep our focus on Jesus and not lose sight of who He is.

Towards the end of February Nathan and Mandy Wright, along with their two small children Farrah and Zemirah, arrived from Australia. They came along to a welcoming meal at church. It is great to have them with us and for them to be part of the Faith Center Church family.

We have experienced people staying away from church due to other illness and physical challenges. We have seen some have breakthroughs and others having to stand in faith and continue to believe for a healing. In fact, we are not seeing much COVID-19 at all where we are. It has been reported that two hospitals in two different counties now have no cases amongst patients.

We are walking up and down the main street of Walhalla praying and witnessing. We have found that stopping in some of the shops, talking with the owners and offering prayer for them and their businesses has been very well accepted. Praise God.

We have not seen anyone get saved yet but we continue to pray and witness as we walk the streets every Saturday at 12:30pm for an hour or more. Please pray with us as we do this, especially in our witnessing approach and for people to get saved.

This month a group called Covenant Players visit us. They did the Sunday morning service after communion and missions promotion. They performed dramas and skits relating to evangelism and missions. I was really blessed by what they performed. Everyone was blessed and challenged by the messages the dramas and skits presented.

We are running children's church for the two youngest children we have had coming to church. We had three others come along one Sunday in March which made it even more fun. Omega and two other ladies have been helping with the children's church.



I had Pr Kaye minister one Sunday which meant I got to spend some time with the children and minister to them about the Holy Spirit in a very simple way. This happened on the Sunday when we had some other children join us.

We started March off with our regular Saturday morning men's meeting. We travelled about 30 minutes away to a restaurant called Rusty Bike, which is full of motorcycle regalia and is a great place to eat for a group of men.

Only three men said they would be there but when we turned up two more showed up with a friend. Then Pr Tim Johnson with his son Jared and son-in-law Nathan, along with two other friends of theirs joined us. They were on their way up the mountains for some bike riding adventures but wanted to stop for breakfast first. We had a great time telling and sharing stories - good men's stuff.

A few of the ladies had a luncheon outing at a restaurant in March. Omega said they had a good time.

On the first Tuesday in March I travelled to an interesting Christian College up in the mountains about two hours from Walhalla. I went with Pr Rod Schultz who

is one of our trustees and the pastor of a church in a city called Greenwood. We went to see what they are doing and how it all operates. It is called Excel College and it is located in a place called Black Mountain.

We had a very excellent visit. They have students living in houses that they rent from the College. This provides an income for the College. They also have students with families living on campus.

Students have to do 20 hours of work a week. The rest of the time they are in College. Their learning is done with teachers sitting with them around a table in a classroom setting. Christian-based learning theology is taught first before other subjects.

Students in this college graduate debt free and in a full time job. They also have an elementary school. We were very impressed to see such a school like this. The community campus set up that they have reminded me very much of Bethel Centre in Papua New Guinea.

Towards the end of March I received a call from the activities director for the old people's home that one of our congregation members is in. She said

that the residents had asked for Omega and I to go back up there and minister the Word of God to them.

Omega and I went up that Friday afternoon and ministered about the Holy Spirit. People actually participated in the meeting for the first time. It was great. They have asked us to go back. We visited again on Friday 1 April and had a time of communion.

We continue to have missions prayer and teaching on Wednesday nights. Those attending have been enjoying the teachings on the Holy Spirit.

It won't be too long now and we will have to mow the property as spring is here and the grass is growing quickly. I had our big zero turn mower serviced in preparation for the mowing season.

We have a good number of items in storage given over the winter period to sell for our yard sale missions fundraiser. We will be doing that again soon.

Home school has grown in numbers - we have 13 students now. One of our congregation members who was a principal and teacher some years ago, has kindly offered to help with students

that are having some difficulties with their learning. This has been helpful for the students and those that oversee the home schooling.

I helped one of our congregation members recently by putting in a new sewerage pipe as part of the ministry work here in Walhalla.

Our family is doing well and we really appreciate everyone's prayers and support. We celebrated Jethro's 17th birthday on Tuesday 15th March. One of the congregation members that lives on the property made Jethro a black forest birthday cake. It was awesome.

I am blessed to be have been given an opportunity to do some teaching via Zoom with students in Ghana. I am very grateful and thankful to Jesus and Pr Barry for this opportunity. I am enjoying it very much. I'm teaching on servanthood.

Our family has chosen a different nation each to pray for regularly during our devotional times and our own private times. We have been doing this for some time now. The nation I chose was Ghana.

Blessings and much appreciation,
Pr Warwick, Omega, Jethro, Warwick Jr

ONLINE PRESENCE

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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 envelop. 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

New Life Christian Centre

Address: 105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach, SA 5165

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.au