



Tennant Creek
Christian Family
Church

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 TCCFC

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.



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.

Please continue to pray for the Madimadi family to receive their visas as soon as possible so they can come to Tennant Creek as missionaries. It would be great to have them here with us as soon as possible.

I will be coming up again in September which will be good. Please mark Saturday 17th September in your diaries as we will be holding a working bee. We appreciate everyone who is able to attend and lend a helping hand.

I want to encourage you all to continue to trust the Lord and do good as Psalm 37:3 encourages us to do.

Blessings,
Pr Mike Groom



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.

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.
- 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.



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).



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 TCCFC'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 ACC 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 TCCFC'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 ACC church office.

FIJI TRIP REPORT

On Tuesday 12th 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

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CONTACT DETAILS

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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