



Tennant Creek  
Christian Family  
Church



# CONNECT

JULY 2022

## SRI LANKA APPEAL

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

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## MISSIONS DINNER

Our Missions Dinner last month was a huge success. Look inside for an overview of what we raised and how you can give.

**Event overview on page 5**

## PRESCHOOL TRAINING

Our new batch of students in our Preschool Teacher Training course at Bethel Centre are all settling in well.

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# WELCOME TO TCCFC

Welcome to this edition of Connect. Half of the year has come and gone and we are in the middle of winter. Let's keep warm by keeping our zeal for the Lord active and enjoying partnering with Him in all He has for you and our local churches for the rest of this year.

In Mark 12:30 Jesus says, "Love the Lord God with all your passion and with prayer and intelligence and energy."

Colossians 3:23 says, 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men'.

The Bible urges us to love, serve, obey, trust and to pursue God passionately.

Romans 12:11 says, 'Never be lacking in

zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor serving the Lord.'

Let's be active in our passion for God and His purposes and not just go through the motions.

It was great to have Pr Mike and Lorraine Baker visiting Tennant Creek in June. I trust you all enjoyed your time with them.

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. Please also pray for Pr Edward, Josephine and Esther's visas to come through.

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.
- 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.



**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.



**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).



# 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 has now plunged into the worst economic crisis in our history. As one belonging to the Tamil community that has faced decades-long discrimination and persecution, I can testify that the nature of the existential challenges in Sri Lanka has changed from the 'fear of death' for some to 'fear of starvation and scarcity' for all.

The current economic situation has resulted in shortages in fuel, gas, and food. The shortages have caused prices to soar. Inflation is running at 32%. The reality for Sri Lankans is quickly becoming an impossible situation. Standing in hours long queues for gas and fuel, 13 hour long power cuts, severe limitations on transport, lack of access to medicine and medical treatment, and much more have led to a widely felt hopelessness and disillusionment. With frustrations boiling over we have also witnessed an unprecedented people's movement,

with young and old taking to the streets urging the current regime "to go home."

We are grateful that the ministries and mission work continue to move ahead despite these challenges. As the pastor of my church, 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 long season of serious difficulty and lament.

We realise that we are not forgotten by our God or our friends. Passages like Romans 8:35-39 continue to sustain us and press us on in confidence that nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 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.

# MISSIONS DINNER

What a great Missions Dinner we had last month where we raised money for the new training facility at Bethel International Training College in Papua New Guinea.

Although you were not able to attend all the way from Tennant Creek, we appreciate your prayers and support for the dinner and the great cause we are raising money for.

**We raised a total profit of \$11,023.00** via Adelaide Christian Centre and Global Development Group. What a great effort! If you would still like to give, please follow one of the options below.

## GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP Tax Deductible Donations

If you wish to receive tax deductibility you must give through GDG. ACC does not offer tax deductibility.

### Step 1: Direct Bank Deposit

Direct Deposit tax deductible donations can be made using the details in the following column.

**Account Name:** Global Development Group  
**BSB:** 064118  
**Account Number:** 10200094  
**Reference:** e.g. J. Smith J1098N

Please make sure you include your initials (e.g. J. Smith), followed by J1098N in the reference section so GDG can trace your deposit.

### Step 2: Email GDG your donation details

Email [info@globaldevelopment.org.au](mailto:info@globaldevelopment.org.au) with the following details.

- a) Your name and address
- b) Amount and date of donation
- c) Project number - J1098N

GDG will send you a receipt for your tax deductible donation.

If you would like to contribute on a regular basis you will need to set this up with your bank and then let GDG know that it will be a recurring donation.

## TENNANT CREEK CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHURCH

### General Donations

Please see TCCFC's giving details on the back/final page. In the reference for your deposit please say 'BITC Building Project'.

# PRESCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING

I am thankful to God for making it possible for us to commence preschool teacher training again this year after the long closure for the past two years. We are still sorting out our program, settling the students in and helping them adjust. It was a bit challenging in the beginning due to different mind sets, religions and also levels of educational backgrounds, but it is through the prayer and support from all of you and the team here at Bethel that they have adjusted well.

We have finished two subjects, with the second one ending with a cultural presentation. The support from staff, students and families was commendable as they came in last minute to show support to the students. The students are doing well and are coping up with each new subject even though it is their first time learning about teaching in a preschool setting.

All of the students are actively involved in programs around Bethel Centre and are cooperating well, despite a few misunderstandings. The pastors are taking turns every Tuesday morning to share God's Word and encourage the students. They are also praying for them.

I appreciate all of your support towards the preschool teacher training and I am looking forward to great things ahead.

Many blessings,  
**Viema Vakacegu**



## **ONLINE PRESENCE**

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

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

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

**Email:** [info@tccf.com.au](mailto:info@tccf.com.au)

**Phone:** 0452 070 536

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

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