



Tennant Creek
Christian Family
Church

CONNECT

JUNE 2022

CHURCH MINISTRIES

We have a number of key church ministries taking place throughout the week. Information on these can be found inside.

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SRI LANKA APPEAL

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

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BUILDING PROJECT

We are raising funds for a new training facility and preschool at Bethel International Training College, Papua New Guinea.

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WELCOME TO TCCFC

It is wonderful to welcome back Pr Mike and Lorraine Baker as they visit family and Tennant Creek Christian Family Church (TCCFC) for the month of June.

I was reminded lately of the importance of fellowship and community. God never intended for us to walk through life alone.

Romans 12:5b says: 'Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other and each of us needs all the others.'

There's an old Zambian proverb that says: 'When you run alone, you run fast. But when you run together, you run far.'

Hebrews 10:25a says: 'Let us not give up the habit, of meeting together, instead let us encourage one another.'

We all need people in our lives so we can build healthy and lasting relationships. Doing so, we experience acceptance and support. This is exactly what the Apostle Paul conveys in Ephesians 4:16. God desires us to grow together, and to support one another.

Galatians 6:10 says: 'Every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.'

Authentic community occurs when we uphold the value and worth of each person by creating an environment of love, acceptance, and forgiveness. This is the community we all desire at TCCFC.

Blessings, **Pr Mike Groom**



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.

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 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 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

On Saturday 18th June Adelaide Christian Centre (ACC) is holding a Missions Dinner to raise money for a new training building at Bethel International Training College (BITC) in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Although you may not be 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.

On the following pages we have information about the new training building and what it will be used for.

We also have information regarding tax deductible and general donations in case you would like to give towards the project. All donations are very much appreciated.

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.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

We are working in partnership with Global Development Group (GDG) to raise funds for a new training centre and preschool facility at BITC.

One of the most effective ways to empower men, women and children in PNG is through education. We are embarking on this project to equip people from PNG and beyond.

The major objective of this three-year project is:

To have a fully functioning educational facility that will empower men, women and children through the provision of early childhood education and vocational training.

We have developed three main goals that we are aiming to achieve within this project.

GOAL ONE

Construct an educational facility that will be used for a preschool and vocational training.

The outcome of this goal is to have a fully functioning educational facility that is equipped with furniture and resources needed to run a preschool and vocational training.

GOAL TWO

Empower men and women through the provision of vocational training courses.

The outcome of this goal is that men and women are provided with an opportunity to gain valuable training that will increase their employability and improve their livelihoods.

GOAL THREE

Empower children through the provision of early childhood education.

The outcome of this goal is that by accessing quality preschool education, children are better prepared for primary school and are more likely to reach higher educational outcomes.

You can give to this project through Global Development Group or Tennant Creek Christian Family Church.

**GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP
Tax Deductible Donations**

This project has secured tax deductible benefits thanks to our partnership with GDG. Therefore, if you wish to receive

tax deductibility for your donation you must give through GDG. ACC does not offer tax deductibility for donations.

Step 1: Direct Bank Deposit

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

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 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.

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General Donations

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

Thank you to everyone who donates towards this project. Your support is very much appreciated.



ONLINE PRESENCE

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

CONTACT DETAILS

Address: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, NT 0860

Email: 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

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