



CONNECT

MAY 2022

MISSIONS

Our church supports two children's ministries in Sri Lanka: Bethel Children's Home and Door of Hope Preschool.

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GIVE A COFFEE

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

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Pr Mike and Mikaela travelled to Papua New Guinea at the end of April. A report of their trip can be read inside.

Full report on pages 5-7

WELCOME TO TCCFC

Hi all and welcome to May's edition of Connect. I trust you like the new simplified format.

I have just returned from visiting Bethel Church in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG) with my daughter Mikaela.

It was nice to catch up with pastor Jeremiah and Delia and their little daughter whilst in PNG. We have lodged their visa applications and completed their medicals whilst in PNG.

Let's believe together for the visas to be granted as soon as possible so we can relocate them to Tennant Creek to take up the pastor role at TCCF.

Please read through the upcoming

events and the missions news. Please note the missions trip report that Mikaela has written on her time in PNG and our new preschool in Gaire village in the Central Province.

I trust that all the mothers will have a wonderful Mother's Day. Let's keep these four Qualities of Christian mothers in mind.

1. The Quality of SACRIFICE
2. The Quality of LOYALTY
3. The Quality of LOVE
4. The Quality of KINDNESS

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. As many of you know, 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 Jeremiah Madimadi, Delia Madimadi and their daughter Nelliewinnie. They will be 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 looking forward to relocating to Tennant Creek where Jeremiah will take on the role of 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).



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 relaunch our 'Give a Coffee' fundraising campaign. We ran this campaign last year 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 or fill in one of the forms located at the info desk.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

On Friday 22nd April dad and I travelled to Papua New Guinea (PNG). This was our first overseas trip since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Travelling to PNG felt too good to be true after such a long time away.

We drove straight to Bethel Christian Centre when we arrived and were welcomed by the pastors, staff, students and families. What an amazing welcome it was! It was so good to see everyone's smiling faces again. Although we have been able to connect via Zoom and other online avenues, absolutely nothing beats seeing everyone in-person.

I had the privilege of sharing with the youth and young adults the night we arrived. I shared a personal testimony surrounding the call of God and missions. It was a great night.

Over the following days I was given opportunities to share with our missions school students and our preschool

teachers in training. I discussed various Bible study techniques with the missions school students and spent time discussing my missions involvement with the preschool students. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with both groups and can't wait to visit again later this year to run English classes with them.

On the Wednesday morning I shared in the morning chapel service. I titled my message 'Deciding to Grow'. Prior to going on this trip it hit me that I have grown and developed quite a lot since I last went overseas. Now I am at a stage where I can preach and minister at a different level; I wasn't doing that to the same extent as I am now prior to the pandemic. I'm happy to be at the stage I am now as I had a great time ministering with those on the Bethel Centre property.

At the time of writing this report, I am halfway through my trip. This coming week I will take photos and videos of our new training building that is currently being built. It is a very impressive building! I'm excited to see and be part of all of the amazing things that will flow from it when we are able to use it.

One of my favourite parts of my trip so far has been reconnecting with old

friends and building deeper connections with others. I am absolutely loving all of the fellowship and the long chats I'm having with all different people at Bethel Centre. I am already anticipating how sad I will be when it is time to leave. It truly does feel like home here!

Dad also had many opportunities to minister with the people on the Bethel Centre property, as well as the church congregation. His trip was full of meetings and other ministry endeavours. He spoke at both services on Sunday and had a great time of prayer ministry in the second service. He also had time ministering with the students on the Bethel Centre property.

One of the highlights of our trip was going to Gaire village to see our preschool and to visit the church leaders. The preschool is going very well - the kids are so cute! It was very encouraging to see two of our preschool teacher training course graduates running the preschool. What an awesome ministry!

We are hoping to begin our preschool on the Bethel Centre property at the start of 2023 once our training building is complete. We were able to develop further plans for the preschool during this trip and we are excited for all that is to come. Please keep the future of our preschool ministry in PNG in your prayers.

This first overseas missions trip has been such a special experience. The pandemic is almost behind us and the days of heavy international travel restrictions are coming to an end. Praise the Lord!

Mikaela 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