



CONNECT

SEPTEMBER 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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BUILDING IN PNG

We are continuing to raise money for our new training building at Bethel International Training College in Papua New Guinea.

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USA TRIP REPORT

Pr Mike, Kelly, Mikaela and Shekinah enjoyed a trip to the USA in August. 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. Happy Father's Day to all the dads. I trust you have a fantastic day celebrating with family and friends.

Kelly and I returned from visiting Faith Center Church in Walhalla, South Carolina. Shekinah and Mikaela will be returning towards the end of this month. Please read my trip report from page 5.

I will be in Tennant Creek from 15-19 September. We will farewell Pr Edward, Josephine and Esther Kami who are leaving Tennant Creek for the east coast before returning back to Papua New Guinea (PNG) in October. The Kami family have been an amazing blessing to Tennant Creek Christian Family Church

and the Tennant Creek and Elliot communities. Good and faithful servants.

On Sunday 18th September after our morning service, we will hold a church luncheon to farewell the Kami family.

We are looking forward to Pr Jeremiah, Delia and Nelliewinnie Madimadi arriving in Adelaide from PNG on Tuesday 20th September. They will spend three weeks in Adelaide for orientation and to attend the CRC National Conference. I will then bring them to Tennant Creek for them to take up the Pastor role at TCCFC.

See you all soon.

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.
- Safe travels and efficient settling into Tennant Creek for the Madimadi family. They will arrive in Adelaide on Tuesday 20th September.

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.

USA TRIP REPORT

On Monday 15th August, Shekinah, Mikaela, Kelly and I flew to the USA. Our first destination was Los Angeles. We stayed there for a couple of days to rest up and do a little bit of tourist stuff.

We then made our way to Ramona, near San Diego, and spent five days with Dr Stan DeKoven and his lovely wife Joan. It was nice to catch up with them again since we had not seen them since before the COVID-19 pandemic began.

It was very beneficial spending time with the Vision International University (VIU) administration staff, discussing and strategising our accreditation and curriculum for Equip Training College - a most rewarding time with the VIU team.

We flew overnight to Atlanta on Monday 22nd August. We now know why they call them red eye flights! We met Charlie and Nicole and their two children, Evelyn and Ephraim. Charlie is from South Korea. He lived with us in New Zealand when he was 13. It was really nice seeing him again and it was great being able to meet his lovely wife and children.

Pr Warwick Hughes, our congregation pastor at Faith Center Church (FCC) in Walhalla, picked us up at the airport and drove us back to FCC. It was a two and a half hour drive from Atlanta to Walhalla.

It was lovely to be with Pr Warwick and Omega and their boys, Jethro and Warwick Jr. It was fantastic to be back on the FCC property again. It is a lovely 50+ acre property and it is very peaceful.

FCC is now officially a congregation of Adelaide Christian Centre (ACC), like Tennant Creek Christian Family Church and New Life Christian Centre. The ACC Eldership are the governing Elders at FCC, however, ACC will not own the property. The property will always remain in the ownership of FCC. The trustee board of FCC consists of Pr Warwick Hughes, Pr Kaye Hirst, Pr Rod Shultz, Pr Barry Silverback and myself.

Pr Kaye Hirst has been overseeing the finances and admin for FCC now for many years and she has decided her time in this role is coming to an end. Pr Kaye is a fantastic blessing to FCC. It was decided that Kelly will now be employed four hours per week by ACC, with the expense being reimbursed by FCC, to oversee the finances and be FCC's bookkeeper with Pr Kaye's assistance.

Kelly and Pr Kaye spent many hours during our trip going through paperwork with explanations of processes and arrangements, setting up new bank accounts, meeting with an accountant and ensuring everything is in place for a successful handover.

Pr Kaye was honoured in our Sunday morning service, and she is in the process of handing everything over to Kelly, with the goal of finishing up her role at the end of September. However, she will continue to assist Kelly a few hours per week doing the weekly banking and other jobs in the office there in Walhalla.

During our trip we enjoyed great times of ministry with our folk at FCC. I spoke in the Wednesday night missions prayer and Bible study and I preached in the Sunday morning service. After the service we enjoyed a church barbecue out on the lawn. Kelly also spoke at the ladies monthly meeting. It was a great morning and they had a great turn out.

On our final day in Walhalla the four of us, along with Pr Warwick and Omega, travelled to Greenwood to meet with Pr Rod Shultz. We enjoyed a nice dinner with Pr Rod, his wife Carmen, and their son and daughter in law. After dinner us men joined in on our FCC trustees meeting while the women spent time together. Mikaela and Shekinah joined Pr Rod's son and daughter in law in a tour around Greenwood.

Shekinah and Mikaela are staying in the USA until Tuesday 20th September. They will help with media set up, gather promotional material and minister at FCC. Please continue to pray for them.

Pr Mike Groom



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

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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