



CONNECT

NOVEMBER 2022

CHURCH MINISTRIES

We have a range of church ministries that run throughout the week. Look inside for further information on what is taking place.

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TENNANT CREEK

The Madimadi family are now settling into life in Tennant Creek. Pr Jeremiah shares about their first two weeks inside.

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HUGHES UPDATE

The Hughes family are keeping busy with life and ministry in Walhalla, USA! You can read their latest update inside.

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WELCOME TO TCCFC

Welcome to this month's edition of Connect. I trust you enjoy your read through this edition.

The months are flying by. We only have two months left in 2022 but that does not mean anything is slowing down.

It is wonderful to know that Pr Jeremiah, Delia and Nellie Winnie Madimadi are settling in well in Tennant Creek. They are becoming acquainted with their new roles and surroundings. Getting used to the heat is a challenge but in time they will climatise. Pr Jeremiah has written a report about their time so far (pg 4-5).

Pr Warwick Hughes, our pastor in Walhalla, South Carolina, has written us an update (pg 6-7). Please have a read of

his report to familiarise yourself with what is taking place in our church in the USA.

The Kami family have touched down in PNG. Continue to pray for them as they resettle and pursue the next chapter of their lives as God leads them. Pray for Esther as she settles into a new school.

It was great to be part of New Life Christian Centre's 60th Anniversary on Saturday 22nd October. What a great achievement for a great church!

Please visit the new TCCFC website (www.tccf.com.au) for all information relating to our church ministries.

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

- The overall situation in Sri Lanka is still in desperate need of prayer. Please pray for the country as a whole that their economy and other systems will return to a sense of normalcy. Please pray for our staff and children in the children's home, as well as our pastors and churches.
- Please pray for a continued smooth transition into life in Tennant Creek for Pr Jeremiah, Delia and Nellie Winnie Madimadi.

Church Prayer Requests

- Please contact the church office if you have any prayer requests.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Cleaning and Children's Ministry

We are in need of volunteers to help clean the church and assist in our children's ministry. If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please speak to Pr Jeremiah or Delia.



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).

TENNANT CREEK

PR JEREMIAH MADIMADI

Firstly we would like to thank the ACC family and administration team for taking care of us very well during our stay in Adelaide. We appreciate everyone from ACC for your overwhelming support.

We arrived in Tennant Creek on Wednesday 12th October around 2:30pm. When we got here we realised almost everything was different from where we came from. Fortunately, Pr Mike told us everything about Tennant Creek beforehand so we were prepared mentally and emotionally to accept the challenges.

After Pr Mike waved goodbye to us and left us in the middle of the desert, I begin to realise that I was no longer depending on anyone. I had to rise to the challenge and take up the job of pastoring a church. This is something that I have never experienced in my entire ministry life.

It is not easy. Almost everything is different for us here, but I think we are settling in well. We decided not to focus on the difficulties, but to give more time and focus on the work God has called us to do in this part of the world. We find ourselves settling in well because we only focus on the good things God will do through us.

Nellie Winnie (our daughter) is doing very well. She seems to be handling the sun's heat very well.

In our first week here in the Northern Territory, we visited some Christians in a town called Elliot. Elliot is about 250kms away from Tennant Creek. The people we saw were so happy we visited them. We also had a chance to visit the old church property there in Elliot. We plan to visit them again soon.

My first job here was to clean up the Tennant Creek Christian Family Church yard. Pr Mike arranged a big bin for me to load it up with all the unwanted stuff lying around on the church property. The yard is looking much cleaner now but there's still more clean up that needs to be done.

We also cleaned up the unit that Pr Edward Kami and family lived in. We arranged for a big bin to be delivered, loaded it with rubbish and got it taken away. The unit is looking clean and ready for the housing department to come and do some maintenance work on it.

We are now fully engaging in church programs. Delia has been helping in the ladies' fellowship on Thursday evenings and she is loving it. I have been driving around doing pick up and drop off for all the church programs.

We are enjoying the fellowship with everyone as we get to know them more. We are looking forward to having a great time with the church here.

Our prayer is that the Lord who called us and brought us here will use us to bring many souls to His Kingdom.

We ask all our friends out there to stand with us in prayer and if you have time to pay a visit to Tennant Creek, please do so.



I was invited to an open air outreach in one of the camps. Eight older people were there. I shared a short salvation message.



Tradesmen fixing the lock and putting deadlocks on our doors after the unit got broken into shortly before our arrival.





HUGHES UPDATE

PR WARWICK HUGHES

Greetings to you all from our family here in Walhalla, South Carolina, USA.

Time certainly goes by quickly. Where did those months go?

There have been all sorts of things happening over the last few months here in Walhalla.

In August and into September we had a visit from Pr Mike and Kelly Groom along with their daughter Mikaela and friend Shekinah Sagun.

They were a real blessing and we were able to get some things in place for the ongoing work and ministry here at Faith Center Church during their visit.

After Pr Mike and Kelly left, we got to go to an American college football game with Mikaela and Shekinah.

It was great to see firsthand how the game is played and to be among the crowd and not just see it happening through a screen.

We had a family come to church but they have not yet settled into the church nor are they attending regular services.

Another family has come in and seem to have settled into the fellowship and are doing good.

We have had one or two other visitors looking for a church but they have not come back yet.

We had a visit from a rehabilitation ministry, Returned Soldiers Ministry, for drug and alcohol addicts that have given their lives to Jesus. We had a number of men from that ministry come and share their testimonies with our congregation members.

We also had a local group who are part of the same kind of ministry come to hear the men. It was a great time.

At the time of their visit, our family had been exposed to COVID-19, so out of the consideration of others we stayed away from everyone for five days and had a COVID-19 test at the end of those five days.

We also had a group of ladies visit us from the Recovery Ministries Ministry. It was great to see what God is doing in these ladies' lives.

We have had a number of congregation members facing issues of sickness. We keep upholding them in prayer.

We have had a number of testimonies where we have prayed for people and they have been healed in Jesus name.

One of our congregation members, an elderly man with Parkinson's disease, was granted the chance to visit Noah's Ark in Kentucky. He came back excited and felt very blessed to have been given that opportunity.

Children's church is going well. Mandy Wright is doing a great job leading the children's church with the help of our teenagers. It is great to see these young teenagers taking a leadership role with the younger children.

Men's breakfasts continue to be a great time for us men to get together and encourage one another.

Every now and then there are a few repairs on our property that need attending to, especially at the apartments that the church rents out.

We had a blocked sewer pipe to one apartment which needed replacing. Omega gave me a helping hand on this one.

I continue to do ground upkeep around the property with mowing the grounds, which Jethro and Warwick Jr have been helping me with.

I have also had one or two congregation members helping out.

There is one section of land beyond the church building that a farmer comes to or three times a year and cuts the grass for hay.

Fall (Autumn) is here now and the grass has finally slowed down in growing.

We have an awesome amount of colored leaves falling everywhere and are now putting on our winter coats as it cools down for winter.

Jethro and Warwick Jr are doing their online Christian schooling. It has been very challenging for the boys, and also for us parents, but by the Grace of God we are all doing good. We are also all in good health.

We get out now and then for a bit of fun. I particularly enjoy going to play disc golf with the boys.

We appreciate everyone's prayers and support for the work here and for us as a family. God bless you all.

ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: www.tccf.com.au

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/tennantcreekchristianfamilychurch

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

Faith Center Church

Address: 115 Worley Lane, Walhalla SC 29691, United States

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla>

Service Time: 10:00am