



CONNECT

MARCH 2023

HUGHES UPDATE

The Hughes family are doing a fantastic job in Walhalla, South Carolina. Their latest update can be found inside.

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TENNANT CREEK TRIP

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom visited Tennant Creek in February. Pr Mike has written a report of their experience.

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CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Our church is now sponsoring two new children under Bethel Children's Homes. Look inside for further information

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WELCOME

Hi all and welcome to this month's edition of the Connect News where you can familiarise yourself with all the happenings for Tennant Creek Christian Family Church (TCCFC) throughout March.

This month we are continuing with our Sunday sermon series on 'Engaging People with Jesus' in both our 10:00am and 6:30pm services.

This is an excellent series to invite your friends and family along to either of our services. What a great opportunity for them to hear the good news about Jesus.

Kelly and I had a fantastic time in Tennant Creek in February. I have written a brief

report on page 6. It was truly encouraging to see everyone in attendance during our Sunday services during our trip, particularly the evening service.

We had 20 children at the evening service and Kelly and Delia had to organise a quick Sunday school program. It was fantastic seeing so many children in attendance.

We also had four people give their hearts to God and we had an opportunity to pray for people with various illnesses.

I would like to encourage all of you and commend you for the amazing work you are doing for the Lord. TCCFC is a fantastic church and it is a real joy to be part of.

Blessings,
Pr Mike Groom

MISSIONS

Benjamin and Asinate Wari TCCFC commits \$100 per month

Benjamin and Asinate Wari are going to Vanuatu from PNG as missionaries. Benjamin was the principal of World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS) at Bethel Centre in PNG in 2022 and he will be taking on the role of principal of WMFTS Vanuatu when the school relaunches.

Asinate is from Fiji. She completed WMFTS in PNG, as well as our new Preschool Teacher Training Course. There is a possibility that a preschool will open on the WMFTS Vanuatu property. When it does, Asinate will be the head teacher and help run the preschool. Please keep them in your prayers.

Bethel Children's Home TCCFC commits \$200 per month

Bethel Children's Home has been in operation since 1998. All of the children come from the Tamil minority ethnic group that has been discriminated against for many years. The children in our homes have been displaced for a number of reasons. Our homes provide children with a safe environment where they are given access to many opportunities that assist them in their development.

TCCFC sponsors two children, one boy (David) and one girl (Mansu).

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.



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 Pr Jeremiah 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 Pr Jeremiah 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 Delia (children).



HUGHES UPDATE

PR WARWICK HUGHES

Greetings to you from Walhalla where we are seeing the trees blossom and the flowers bloom. It is not officially spring but it is looking like it at the moment.

Our church is in a place at the moment where it appears we are building up and approaching a climax of a move of God. Other pastors that I meet and pray with are saying a very similar line of conviction they have in their spirit.

Services are going well. We are all encouraged by the '40 Days of Engaging People with Jesus' series we are doing along with Adelaide Christian Centre, New Life Christian Centre and Tennant Creek Christian Family Church.

I had been pondering and praying about having an evening service so when the 40 Days program was presented with night sessions, I believed it was time to step out. We call the evening service One Hour with Jesus. We have 15 minutes of worship, followed by around 20 minutes of preaching, then prayer for

people and an open altar for people to sit at the feet of Jesus and enjoy His presence while soft music plays in the background. They have been good services.

Our playgroup ministry is going well with young parents in attendance who are enjoying the opportunity to have a safe place to bring their children and relax with good conversation. Nathan and Mandy Wright are doing a great job with this ministry.

In February we began our youth night. I had been praying and waiting on Jesus for a good time to start a youth night. We now have it on Friday nights from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. Jethro and Young Warwick wrote what they would like to do, even the food and snacks with drinks. I had them write down the time frame for activities and suggest activities and it has been going well.

We have five young men, including Jethro and Young Warwick attending. The others are friends from when they were in school here at Faith Christian School. Two of them last Friday asked Jesus into their lives as they said they did not know if they had given their lives to Jesus. Glory to God. Now they have done so.

I was at a program at another church in Walhalla one Saturday in February. They were hosting what is called a Kick Start program. It is where believers go through some teaching and training in evangelism and then they go out to do what they have learnt. I went to see what it was all about and to support the pastor; he is one of the pastors I meet with once a month to pray with.

It was here that I saw a man who had prayed for the sick but he had never seen anyone healed. Well, this man prayed for a man with a really bad knee, and as soon as he finished praying for the man, he was healed instantly. It was awesome for that man praying. He just stood there overwhelmed and lost for words. It was so good to see. It was his first time to actually see with his own eyes someone he prayed for being healed.

Some men I spoke with at the meeting had crooked backs and after prayer, they had their backs straightened. One young boy who wore glasses had his eyes healed and he doesn't need to wear glasses anymore. Glory to God. It's getting really exciting.

We had a few men meet together for our men's meeting in February. We were also

joined by one or two of our teenagers. It was a good time of fellowship.

Our ladies had a great time in the church dining hall during their ladies' meeting in February. Mandy Wright shared with the ladies on what herself and Nathan are doing in the playgroup outreach. Our dining hall is now getting plenty of use.

Omega and I went to an Evangel Fellowship International (EFI) luncheon hosted by Grace Community Church last month. Grace Community Church is led by one of Faith Center Church's trustees, Pr Rod. It is located in Greenwood about a 2 hour drive from us.

It was good to hear from Pr Philip Miles who heads up EFI and for Omega and I to have some time with Pr Rod and his wife Sister Carmen.

Omega, Jethro, Young Warwick and myself will be going to a youth conference at Grace Community Church. It will be held on Friday 10th March and Saturday 11th March.

Our family are all doing okay and we are in good health. The boys continue to do their school work at home and although it can very challenging, they are progressing through their work.



TENNANT CREEK TRIP REPORT

It was a real joy for Kelly and I to visit our amazing mob at TCCFC recently. Although it was a quick visit, we had a great time with you all and we are looking forward to visiting you again.

We arrived in Tennant Creek on Friday 24th February after a flight from Adelaide to Alice Springs and a 525km drive at 130km per hour.

It was wonderful to be greeted by the Madimadi family. It was great to have some time to fellowship with Pr Jeremiah, Delia and little Nellie Winnie. They are doing an excellent job in their new role at TCCFC and it has been great to see how well they have been received by all of you.

On Saturday morning Pr Jeremiah and myself were up early to get ready for the ladies' breakfast at the church that Kelly was speaking at. Pr Jeremiah was on driving and pick up duties and I was the chief cook.

We had a great morning and Kelly did a fantastic job sharing. However, I think the ladies had more fun stirring me up and complaining about my cooking. Miriam was the ring leader.

On Saturday afternoon, Pr Jeremiah, Delia, Kelly and I spent our time cleaning at the church and completing yard work. It was a very busy but enjoyable and satisfying day.

It was great to continue our '40 Days of Engaging with Jesus' sermon series on the Sunday in our morning and evening services. We had a fantastic turn out, especially at our evening service. This was very encouraging to see.

We returned to Alice Springs on Monday and then to Adelaide on Tuesday. We had a great weekend at TCCFC.

There is so much opportunity in Tennant Creek and the harvest is ready to see many Indigenous folk come to the Lord. Although we may lack human and financial resources to do more than what we are currently doing, wherever God guides He will ALWAYS provide. Let's continue to believe for His provision.

Blessings,
Pr Mike Groom

CHILD SPONSOR UPDATES

Bethel Children's Homes is located in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka.

A majority of children within the homes come from the minority Tamil ethnic group who have been discriminated against for many years.

Children have been displaced for a number of reasons, including death of parents, parents working abroad, parents getting remarried, and parents not being able to provide for their families.

In order to prevent children from being forgotten or neglected, our homes provide children with a safe environment where they are given access to opportunities that assist them in their development.

The homes are funded by the generous support of various churches and donors. One of the ways funds are raised is through child sponsorship.

By donating \$100 a month, our donors'

financial support contributes to the following necessities.

Education: School fees, uniforms, shoes, stationary, books, school bags, tuition and excursions

Health: Education on hygiene, medication, immunisations and medical checkups

Subsistence: Clothing, shoes, food, accommodation, recreation, sanitary needs and transport

Development: Physical, mental, emotional and intellectual

Our church has been sponsoring two children since August 2021. Their names are Nithusan (a boy) and Saruja (a girl).

Due to the nature of the homes, children often come and go depending on their situation. Some children stay until they reach the age of 18, however, some leave earlier if their family situation allows.

Nithusan and Saruja have left the homes so TCCFC has been allocated two new children - David and Mansu.

David was born in 2010 and Mansu was born in 2013. They both came into the homes in 2022.

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: www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla

Service Time: 10:00am