



Tennant Creek
Christian Family
Church



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APRIL 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a number of events coming up this month. Look inside to familiarise yourself with what is taking place this month.

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MISSIONARY REPORT

Mikaela Groom relocated to Papua New Guinea in February. She has written a report of her experience so far.

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MISSIONARY PHOTOS

Photos from Mikaela's missionary journey in Papua New Guinea are included within this edition. Have a look inside!

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WELCOME

It was very sad for us to hear of late Pr Elijah Umeume's sudden passing in March. Our church members who know late Pr Elijah were very sad because he was in Tennant Creek three years ago as a missionary, and he did a lot of good things for people and the church. We will continue to offer up prayers for the team at Bethel, Aunty Beverley and the Umeume family for peace, comfort and strength.

Our one week break from Wednesday 8th - Wednesday 15th March in Adelaide was so refreshing. During our break in Adelaide, I was given an opportunity to preach at Adelaide Christian Centre's (ACC) Sunday morning service. We were also invited by three different connect

groups to share about what the Lord is doing at TCCFC.

We also met with the leaders of ACC and New Life Christian Centre (NLCC), including Papa Barry, in the leaders' meeting at Sturt Street. I was given an opportunity to give an update of what is happening at TCCFC.

It was also a great honour to have been invited by Rebekah Groom and Tom Lee to their engagement celebration at ACC. It was so great to be part of their celebration.

After meeting with fellow leaders, pastors and friends in Adelaide, we came back to Tennant Creek feeling refreshed and confident to continue serving the Lord in this beautiful part of Australia.

Blessings,
Pr Jeremiah Madimadi

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 (WMFSTS) at Bethel Centre in PNG in 2022 and he will be taking on the role of principal of WMFSTS Vanuatu when the school relaunches.

Asinate is from Fiji. She completed WMFSTS in PNG, as well as our new Preschool Teacher Training Course. There is a possibility that a preschool will open on the WMFSTS 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).

FEBRUARY & MARCH MISSIONARY REPORT

I arrived in Papua New Guinea (PNG) on Tuesday 21st February and have been here for almost six weeks now. It was a very emotional time at Adelaide airport saying goodbye to friends and family. I'm not sure if any of us anticipated how emotional we would feel. Thank you to everyone who came and said goodbye at the airport. It meant a lot to me.

I have visited PNG multiple times before, but it is very different living here. It took a while for the fact that I'm living here now to sink in; I'm not on a short term trip anymore, I actually live here. It still hasn't fully sunk in but it is starting to feel a lot more real the last couple of weeks. A lot has happened since I arrived, both good and sad.

The unexpected passing of late Pr Elijah Umeume was very sad and sudden. He passed away one and a half weeks after I arrived at Bethel Centre. I was able to talk with him multiple times upon my arrival and was very shocked when he unexpectedly went to be with the Lord. The week following his passing was full of house cries, fellowship and more. A very sad and busy time for all of us here at Bethel Centre.

It was extremely evident that Pr Elijah touched the lives of many people, not just from within PNG, but also from other

nations. I remember fond conversations with Pr Elijah about his time in Tennant Creek. What a blessing to our family at TCCFC that Pr Elijah was able to spend some months ministering there and doing life with them in 2020.

One of the highlights of my time here so far has been seeing old friends and making new ones. It is different living on a property with many other people. I am living in a house with four other ladies - two Papua New Guineans and two Filipinos. However, these are not the only people I am living with. When I walk out of my house I am greeted by many other people. As I walk around the property I have opportunities to stop and talk with others who are also walking around. There are always people to talk to. I really enjoy this aspect of life here at Bethel.

I struggled to settle in a bit in my first few weeks - much more than I anticipated before coming here as a missionary. I have felt homesick at times and I have been presented with a few different challenges that I wasn't sure how to deal with but I am slowly starting to see how God can use them to strengthen me and mould me. I am feeling a bit more settled now and am starting to get into the swing of things.

I spend most of my days working out of the Bethel Finance Office. While I am here I am continuing my finance work with CRC Missions and some of my work for ACC. I enjoy working in the office with two other ladies - Mary and Kila.

My main purpose in coming to PNG was to assist in the Sunday school - organising curriculum, changing the structure, training teachers, preparing

lessons and so on. Sunday school didn't start until a few weeks after I arrived. I spent the two weeks it has run so far observing and helping out where I can.

I am yet to step into my role fully but I am hoping to have the opportunity to do so soon. I am very passionate about children's ministry and am excited to see how God will use me to be a blessing to children in this nation. Please pray for the children's ministry here at Bethel Tabernacle of Praise (BTOP) and for wisdom and guidance for me to outwork the role I was sent here to fulfil.

Since I arrived I have attended two graduations - one for World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS) and the other for Bethel Preschool Teachers Training Course (BPTTC). I really enjoyed both graduations.

Last year in April I had an opportunity to teach Bible study techniques to the WMFTS students. I enjoyed my time with them and was pleased to see them graduate. Some of them are continuing their studies this year with Bethel Bible College, some are joining the staff here at Bethel Centre and others have returned home or pursued further study outside.

Last year in November I spent two weeks teaching English to the BPTTC students. I worked closely with them and had a chance to get to know them a bit more deeply than other students at Bethel Centre. I really enjoyed my time with them and have loved seeing most of them again upon my return here this year.

I had an opportunity to join them in their

final gathering before they graduated. We went to the Adventure Park just outside Port Moresby on the Friday before their graduation on Sunday 26th March. We ate lots of yummy food, the students and the staff had a time of gift giving, and some of us even enjoyed a spontaneous time on the waterslides! It was a very fun day and I am honoured to have been included.

Two of the BPTTC graduates will continue on as staff members of Bethel Centre, working in preschools. The others have returned to their homes to work in other preschools. The next intake of students will be arriving at the beginning of April and their course will begin after Easter.

Although I came here to assist in the Sunday school, I will also have a part to play in BPTTC. I am continuing my English class this year and will be lecturing towards the end of April. I will also have a couple of other subjects to teach throughout the year. I am very excited to meet the new students. I am also excited about teaching them - I am very passionate about teaching.

I am looking forward to our upcoming Easter convention that will be taking place at BTOP. A team from Adelaide will be arriving shortly and I am extremely excited to see everyone. At the time of writing this report, my mum has already arrived in PNG ahead of the team. It was very special seeing her again and I am enjoying my time with her.

Thank you very much for all of your prayers and support.

Many blessings,
Mikaela Groom



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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