



Tennant Creek
Christian Family
Church

CONNECT

MAY 2023

CHURCH PROGRAMS

We have a number of church programs happening each week. Look inside to familiarise yourself with what is taking place.

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TENNANT CREEK

Pr Gregg and Tess Mañego recently travelled to Tennant Creek. They have written a report for this edition of Connect.

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PNG TRIP REPORTS

Our team of 20 people travelled to Papua New Guinea in April. Have a look inside for some team testimonies.

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WELCOME

Matthew 16:18 says, 'And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.'

Acts 20:28 says, 'Keep watch of yourselves and all the flocks of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.'

Jesus is the builder of His church, which He has bought with His own precious blood. As believers in Christ, let us stand together (united) in prayer, and allow God to build His church through us here in Tennant Creek.

God has done some wonderful things in TCCFC in the month of April. One

wonderful thing God did in April was five ladies in a evening church service and a young man in Mulga camp (an Aboriginal camp) giving their lives to the Lord through the weekend ministry of Pr Gregg Mañego and his wife Tess.

Also, in the month of April Elder Richard and I were able to visit the church property in Elliot Town.

I'm praying and believing for the fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God upon his church from the month of May and onwards. Let us not allow complacency creep in, but hunger and thirst more for the fresh move of God in our lives and in the church today.

May you all continue to walk in the favour and blessings of our heavenly father.

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 (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).



TENNANT CREEK TRIP ARTICLE

Tess and I had a wonderful time in Tennant Creek. Thank you church and to the ACC Elders for the wonderful opportunity of us visiting the Tennant Creek Christian Family Church (TCCFC). It was Tess' first trip there and she had the time of her life!

Although we knew our schedule prior to going, we still didn't know what to expect. We left early morning on Thursday and arrived in Alice Springs mid-morning that day. After organising

our car, we did some food shopping for the week before heading to Tennant Creek. Thanks to Pr Mike who suggested we stop for petrol at Ti Tree which is 300km away from our destination and the only petrol station between Alice Springs and Tennant Creek!

We were warmly welcomed by the Madimadis and what a catch up we had since we last saw them in March this year. It was also a wonderful time ministering at the women's meeting that night with the Indigenous ladies at church.

On Friday, we had a good time of fellowship and a solid time of sharing with Pr Jeremiah and Delia. We were told that our visit was timely and being encouraged by God's Word was exactly what they needed.

Miriam (Indigenous couple) and have a bit of fellowship with them over a meal.

Sunday was the highlight of our trip with around 30 people who came, majority of whom were Indigenous. We had a great morning service. Tess shared during communion and I shared the message. Again, in the evening service, there were over 30 people in attendance. Tess and I shared the pulpit and towards the end of my message, we allocated a good time to pray for people. There about five people who gave their heart to Jesus!

We left Tennant Creek on Monday with so much to thank God for and the wonderful opportunity given to us to have this memorable experience. We stayed in Alice Springs overnight and caught an early morning flight back to Adelaide.

I remember hearing Pr Barry say, "Tell me and I may forget, show me and I may remember, involve me and I will understand."

We've heard so much about our work in Tennant Creek and the things that are happening there, but the only way to truly understand the place and the people is to go there and experience it first hand.

Our recent trip taught us to be appreciative of life and to have an ongoing concern for our ministry and the work in Tennant Creek. It is an experience of a lifetime that we would want to do again, given the opportunity.

Thank you so much for your prayer and support.

Pr Gregg Mañego

We also went to Lake Mary Ann to breathe some fresh air and see this beautiful part of Tennant Creek. Pr Jeremiah also drove us to the three different camps later in the afternoon. People were everywhere and even kids were on the streets in groups just roaming aimlessly. Government housing where these people live are run down and need some TLC. We really sensed that need for people to hear the gospel.

Saturday was our prep day for the Sunday morning and evening services, but in the evening we set a time for an immigration info session and to meet some of the Filipino folk and a Sudanese guy who had some queries with their visas. The event was also attended by the key leaders of TCCFC. It was good to see Richard and Gay and also Andrew and



PNG TRIP REPORTS

Below are some testimonies from a few people who went to PNG over Easter.

Bruce Walker

Lots of good memories.

Kelly Groom

Our time in PNG was amazing. It was so nice being with everyone at Bethel and I especially loved seeing Mikaela again.

It was great to run a children's program, with a theme of being 'Better Together'. We played lots of games, shared Bible stories and enjoyed various memory verse activities. The children were awesome. We had a lot of fun together.

Bethel is an amazing place. Their heart of worship, their passion for God and their heart for missions continues to inspire many. It was very refreshing being with everyone again. Can't wait to go back.

Zoe Groom

This year's trip to PNG was one that I can confidently say changed my life! I am so inspired by the way that God is moving through the Bethel church and am even more encouraged by the reminder that God is truly working all around the world.

Visiting the schools was also a major highlight for me. I loved spending time with the wonderful staff and the students there. I would definitely recommend anyone who is considering going to a missions trip to spend some time in PNG.





Joel Groom

I've been to different countries on missions trips but PNG was very special for me. The worship is something I've never experienced and the place felt like home. I definitely miss the place and the people and I can't wait to go back.



Vien Cajipe

I loved going to PNG and being able to spend time with everyone. I loved being a part of the children's ministry and the worship ministry. Their worship is so enthusiastic and this trip has been a massive encouragement. I've been so blessed and I hope to be back soon!



Rebekah Manih

This trip to PNG marked my first time overseas, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I really enjoyed how the worship was so wholehearted and enthusiastic, as well as how loving and kind the entire community at Bethel Centre were. The children and adults were so hospitable, making us feel cared for and safe.



I felt most challenged when it came to the humid weather, so when it flooded I quickly saw the upside. When comparing PNG to Australia there was a massive difference in community and way of life, but I believe for the better. During this experience I became increasingly aware of how the family of God is everywhere. No matter where we go in the world, we will always have brothers and sisters.

It was such an amazing opportunity, one I've been waiting for all my life. I encourage anyone who has a heart to serve God and the opportunity, GO, you won't regret it.



Eleasha Andrews

Going over to PNG I didn't have many expectations. I've never been on a trip like this before so it didn't really hit me till the first day. When we arrived I was in shock, it was nothing like I ever imagined. The way they welcomed us with music and food I couldn't prepare myself for.



The first day I struggled a bit; I was feeling tired and didn't know how I was going to survive the next week and what my place was. Once we started to settle in a bit, and got into a routine I really started to be in amazement of what I was surrounded by. I started to make friends and connections with all these new people and truly felt like I was at home.



During the Easter weekend the services were incredible and so full of energy. They got us all dancing and singing, trying to follow the moves of the tambourine girls. After one service I got pulled into a photo with a group of girls who I didn't know and when I turned around their were around 10 kids just staring and smiling. I asked if they wanted a photo and they all started cheering. We walked over to the stage and took this photo. There were way more then 15 kids that ended up in this photo and it was so weird thinking they were all in it for me.



Pr Mike asked our team to go forward and pray for people in one service. I've never done anything like that; I tend to always be the one receiving prayer. Watching how my word affected this young girl who I prayed over and how God worked through me to get to her was incredible. This trip really taught me to appreciate the simple things in life and to appreciate everything God does.

ONLINE PRESENCE

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Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/tennantcreekchristianfamilychurch

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Address: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, NT 0860

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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

Faith Center Church

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla

Service Time: 10:00am