



Tennant Creek
Christian Family
Church



CONNECT

JULY 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a number of events coming up this month. Look inside to familiarise yourself with all that will be taking place in July.

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MISSIONARY UPDATE

Mikaela Groom has written another report from her time in Papua New Guinea. Have a look inside to see what she has to say.

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VAKACEGU FAMILY

The Vakacegu family are missionaries from Fiji serving in Papua New Guinea. Viema has written an update of their family.

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WELCOME

Welcome to this month's edition of Connect News.

This year is flying by! We have now reached the second half of the year and we are not slowing down. All of our church programs are continuing to run as normal and we are excited to see all that God will do in our church at Tennant Creek in the second half of 2023.

I trust you will all enjoy your time with Pr Greg Crome. It is great that he can be with you all at the beginning of this month to minister and enjoy fellowship with all of you.

Throughout June TCCFC joined our three other churches in a new sermon series - 'Establishing People in their Faith'. This

series will continue in July. Please see the outline below.

Sunday 9th July

AM Service: Justification (Romans 5:1)

PM Service: Grace

Sunday 16th July

AM Service: Sanctification (2 Corinthians 6:17-7:2; 1 Peter 1:1)

PM Service: Power

Sunday 23rd July

AM Service: Giving (Part 1)

PM Service: Healing

Sunday 30th July

AM Service: Giving (Part 2)

PM Service: Praise, Prayer & Communion

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 (Manju).

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).



MISSIONARY UPDATE

I began the month of June back home in Adelaide. I was there for two weeks to attend my sister's wedding. I had a great time with friends and family.

While I was in Adelaide, I had a few opportunities to share about my new life in Papua New Guinea (PNG). During my first week we held a leaders' night at Adelaide Christian Centre. I was given a chance to share about my experiences and what I am doing in PNG. I also had the chance to share briefly to the church during our morning and evening service on the first Sunday I was in Adelaide. It was great to see everyone again and to share what I have been up to.

After sharing in the morning service, I went up to the Sunday school room and shared my experiences with them. I have missed all our Sunday school children back at home while I've been in PNG. It was awesome seeing them all again and I enjoyed talking to them about PNG and my life as a missionary.

While I was in Adelaide, I spent a fair amount of time preparing for Sunday school back in PNG. I continued with my organisation of the new curriculum, lesson plans and other resources, and tried to print as much as I could before returning to PNG. I didn't finish as much as I hoped, but I still got a lot done.

The final two weeks of June were spent lecturing full time. I ran English classes for our students who are studying Bethel's Preschool Teacher Training Course. We

covered sounds in English, tenses in English and various other grammar items.

This was my third time teaching this course and I enjoyed it. I am passionate about teaching, and I loved being in the classroom once again. We had fun and I believe the students learnt a lot and enjoyed our classes, especially the lollies I used to 'encourage' them to participate.

During this time, I was also lecturing students in Bethel Bible School on Monday and Thursday nights. I spent four nights teaching on public speaking. I hadn't taught that subject before and it took me longer to prepare than I anticipated. I enjoyed myself though and learnt a lot from the research I did in preparation for my lectures.

One of the highlights of my time lecturing Bethel Bible School students was I got to spend time with members of the church congregation. Students under this course are not full-time, live-in students like most of the other training courses offered here at Bethel Centre. Many of the students are from the church and it was a good opportunity for me to be able to become more familiar with them. I enjoyed ministering to them and talking with them.

In addition to lecturing in these two courses, when I returned to PNG, we began our new curriculum in the Sunday school. The final two Sundays in June covered our first two lessons. The children have responded well so far, and I believe God has great things planned for the future of the Sunday school.

Many blessings,
Mikaela Groom

VAKACEGU FAMILY

Greetings to you all from Bethel Centre in Papua New Guinea (PNG). This year has been a great year so far with so many wonderful events taking place and the great things we have been experiencing whilst serving here in Port Moresby. This is our fourth year serving as missionaries. We are loving our time here carrying out our daily work and responsibilities as a family.

God has always been good and faithful in and we greatly appreciate everyone for your love, prayer and support. We continually thank our good Father for never leaving our side. We have seen His provision, protection, and blessings in trying times and we will continually and boldly declare that because Jesus lives, we can face every new day filled with His grace and loving kindness.

Ilisoni is involved in Bethel Bible School that runs from 6:00-8:30pm every Monday and Thursday. Bethel Bible School is a part-time course offered to those who cannot attend the full-time courses here at Bethel. There are two course levels available (course 1 and 2).

This year Ilisoni organised a Zoom meeting with Pr Barry Silverback to have a teaching session with the students. Pr Bill Vasilakis also had an opportunity to run a few nights of teaching with the students during his visit to PNG in May.

Ilisoni is also helping Pr Paul Stanley with transport for people living at Bethel Centre and the daily work here.

I am involved in our Preschool Teacher Training Course. It is such a joy to teach and train young people from around PNG and overseas, who have a heart for children. I am passionate about the call of God in my life to train teachers who will go back to their communities, villages, provinces and countries to educate the younger generation.

This year we have five students enrolled in the course. They are all from different provinces around PNG.

Our children, Alisi (14) and Ilisoni Stuart (12) are both doing well in their studies and are showing great results in their school work. Alisi took part in the book week poem competition and was awarded the best poem presenter in the secondary school category at Sunrise Bethel Christian School. Overall, both of them are doing well and are in great health.

In May we took part in the missions sale fiesta at church. We helped out in doing sales for our children's ministry stall. It was such a great opportunity to be part of global missions. We also took part in various other church activities and ministries.

We really have enjoyed every part of our service here in Port Moresby and are looking forward to many great things ahead.

Thank you for all your support and prayers that have truly enabled us to carry out our responsibilities with great passion and enthusiasm trusting in God at all times.

Many blessings,
Viema Vakacegu



ONLINE PRESENCE

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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