



Tennant Creek
Christian Family
Church



WARIS IN VANUATU

Benjamin and Asinate Wari are now in Vanuatu. Photos of their departure from Papua New Guinea can be found inside.

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GHANA TRIP REPORT

Pr Mike Groom visited Ghana in July. He has written a report from his trip. Have a look inside for the report and some photos.

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MISSIONARY UPDATE

Mikaela Groom has also written an update of her time serving as a missionary in Papua New Guinea. See her update inside.

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WELCOME

Hi everyone and welcome to this month's edition of Connect News. The months are passing by quickly!

I want to encourage you to keep living your life to please the Lord as He smiles upon your life.

We were created to bring God pleasure.

Psalm 149:4a says, 'The Lord takes pleasure in His people...'

Revelation 4:11 says, 'You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For You created everything, and it is for Your pleasure that they exist and were created!'

God smiles upon us when we choose to please Him.

Ephesians 5:10 says, 'Figure out what pleases God and then do it.'

Be encouraged as you live everyday to bring God pleasure.

In this edition of Connect we have photos and a brief update of Benjamin and Asinate Wari who have now reached Vanuatu. Our four churches are contributing to their support. Please keep both of them in your prayers as they settle into their new life in Vanuatu.

I have also written an article of my recent trip to Ghana, and my daughter Mikaela has written an update of her missionary service in Papua New Guinea.

I trust you will enjoy reading through all of these missions updates.

Blessings,
Pr Mike Groom

MISSIONS

Benjamin and Asinate Wari TCCFC commits \$100 per month

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They are based near Luganville on the northern island of Espiritu Santo at our World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS) property.

Benjamin will be taking on the role of principal of WMFTS Vanuatu when the school relaunches. 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.

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).



BENJAMIN & ASINATE WARI

Benjamin and Asinate Wari are now in Vanuatu. After a long wait, they left Papua New Guinea (PNG) on Wednesday 26th July bound for Vanuatu. They spent one night in Fiji on their way. They will be based near Luganville on the island of Espiritu Santo at our World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS) property.

Benjamin is the son of Pr Ai Wari, one of our senior pastors at Bethel Tabernacle of Praise in Port Moresby. He spent a few months in the Philippines as a short-term missionary prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. He was based in our church in Pasig initially and also ministered in other churches. In 2022 he operated as principal of WMFTS at Bethel International Training College (BITC).

Asinate is from our Sigatoka CRC church in Fiji. She went to PNG as a student in 2018 and completed WMFTS before enrolling in Bethel Preschool Teacher Training Course. She graduated as a preschool teacher in 2020.

Benjamin will take on the role of principal at WMFTS Vanuatu when the school is relaunched. He will also be responsible for maintaining the property.

There are plans to begin a preschool on the WMFTS property which Asinate will be heavily involved in. She will be our head teacher and will be responsible for the running of the preschool.

GHANA TRIP REPORT

Recently I travelled to Ghana in West Africa. This was my first visit to Africa, and I was really looking forward to it. However, it was a long way from home. I left Adelaide on Monday 10th July and 33 hours later I arrived in Takoradi via Accra and Dubai.

My purpose in going to Ghana was to visit Pr John Boateng, his family, their church - Cross Outreach Church International, their Bible school - Institute of Discipleship and Ministry Training (Adelaide Christian Centre, New Life Christian Centre and Bethel Centre, Port Moresby financially support the school), and their primary school - Terri International Christian Academy (an associate school of Adelaide Christian Schools).

It was lovely to be greeted by Pr John and his lovely wife Mercy at Takoradi airport. After a meal together we arrived at their home and were greeted by five of their six children.

The following day I was welcomed to Terri International Christian Academy by the children and staff. I loved seeing the joy on the children's faces and was entertained by their enthusiastic dancing. It was also an honour to inspect their Christian Cadets as they paraded.

It is a great partnership we have with Terri International Christian Academy and Adelaide Christian Schools and we continue to look forward to our ongoing partnership into the future.

Pr John and his team, including the Bible school students organised a three night night crusade at one of Pr John's four outreach churches in a rural area about 60 minutes from his home. The first night was very wet with heavy rain but we preserved and a number of folk gave their hearts to the Lord.

Over the three nights more people attended and many people were ministered to in prayer. I enjoyed preaching in the open air and was enjoying the freedom of their worship and dancing. Mind you, I didn't join in and reveal any of my moves! And they were loud, the Lord is hard of hearing in Ghana (haha).

Pr John arranged to take me about 60 minutes away to the coast to visit the Cape Coast Castle. This was an emotional experience. To be in a place where the depravity of human wickedness was so evident, it was emotionally disturbing and moving to me.

In 1664 the castle was conquered by the British from the Danish and Dutch. Originally used for trade in timber and gold, the castle was later used in the transatlantic slave trade. In the late 18th century it was rebuilt and used as the seat of the colonial Government of the British Gold Coast in 1844.

The guided tour we had was very informative regarding the horrific conditions the slaves lived through. They accommodated up to 1,200 at a time, 800 men and 400 women. Just horrible and traumatic - evil!

On the Saturday night I spoke at a marriage seminar. About 30 couples were

in attendance. It was a good night and I enjoyed my time with everyone and the interesting questions that were asked by those who attended.

Sunday morning was a great time celebrating with everyone in Pr John's church. They are a lively bunch and very receptive. There was a great spirit within the meeting which is a credit to Pr John, Mercy and their dedicated team for their leadership.

The remainder of my time was consumed with a lot of discussion with Pr John strategising for the future involvement of Bethel Centre in Port Moresby, our four churches and Adelaide Christian Schools. Whilst dealing with a very bad bout of diarrhea for yours truly!

Mercy's cooking and their hospitality was fantastic, and I was most welcomed and felt right at home. The Boateng family are a great family, and it was a real joy to spend time with them in their home. I am looking forward to more visits in the future.

It is an honour for Adelaide Christian Centre and New Life Christian Centre to support the Bible School and for Pr Barry Silverback, Pr Greg Crome and Pr Warwick Hughes to lecture in Institute of Discipleship and Ministry Training regularly via Zoom.

Please continue to pray for Pr John, Mercy, their family and their team as they navigate through the numerous difficulties they face within their various ministries.

Blessings,
Pr Mike Groom



MISSIONARY UPDATE

Near the beginning of July, our preschool teachers in training held a cultural presentation night. They had to choose a province to research and prepare a presentation on. I was privileged to attend the night and take photos. It was an awesome experience! The students did an excellent job. It was cool to see them dressed up in their traditional clothing and to hear about the special cultural practices and traditions unique to each province. I really enjoyed the night.

In July we had a team from New South Wales come to visit Bethel Centre. Four of them are from Narrandera and three are from Condobolin. One of the greatest aspects of their visit was their ability to gather crowds of people to enjoy tea and coffee and great fellowship! Whenever people walked past the visitor's flat, they were invited to sit and talk and enjoy a drink and some snacks. I was encouraged by their welcoming nature and desire to genuinely get to know everyone they came across.

Throughout their visit there were a range of activities and events that took place. Although I was not able to attend everything that they were involved in, I genuinely enjoyed the ones I was part of, particularly the welcome fellowship evening, Bethel Bible School (BBS), and the children's outreach event.

The welcome fellowship gathering was held in the missions hall. It was a fantastic night filled with talking, singing, dancing and great food. It was nice to sit around

in a fun environment enjoying each other's company. Most people from Bethel Centre were in attendance and it was encouraging to see everyone mixing together with the team.

BBS runs on Monday and Thursday evenings. I really enjoy the atmosphere of BBS and I happily attend lectures when they are open to the Bethel Centre staff and congregation members. During the New South Wales team visit, I attended Pr Trevor Murphy's lecture and for Pr Jodie Elliot's lecture.

Pr Trevor spoke on prayer, focusing on four types of prayer. He raised numerous points that I hadn't necessarily considered or focused on before. I was very encouraged by his teaching and enjoyed being in attendance.

Pr Jodie shared on mental health, particularly focusing on anxiety, depression, and psychotic disorders. It was incredibly informative, and I believe of great benefit to all who attended. Pr Jodie shared on mental health to different audiences on numerous occasions during her trip. It is an important topic and I believe her ministry touched the lives of many.

I admired her ability to share effectively and compassionately on something that can be a sensitive topic, particularly in nations like Papua New Guinea (PNG). She was able to increase our understanding of mental health and various mental illnesses. Her overall message of helping each other and being empathetic, particularly towards those who struggle with mental health and illness, was a great encouragement and an important reminder.

Towards the end of their visit, they held a children's outreach program. Many children attended, especially those from Gabi - a village nearby that people from Bethel Centre have been connecting with in recent times. The outreach event was a great success and the children seemed to enjoy themselves. The team did a fantastic job running the program and it was a joy to be part of.

In addition to the team from New South Wales, towards the end of July Pr Craig Jourdain, our CRC National Chairman in New Zealand, came for a visit. At the time of writing, he is still here, and he has been busy ministering and lecturing to various groups. I haven't been able to attend all of his teaching or preaching sessions, but I was able to join in on his lecture in BBS.

He spoke on forgiveness and mercy and it was very encouraging. I thoroughly enjoyed his teaching and was very encouraged by the great response from the people. The night ended in a time of prayer for those who are struggling to forgive. Multiple people responded and those of us who remained were able to pray with those who sought prayer. It was a fantastic night.

On Wednesday 26th July we farewelled Benjamin and Asinate Wari as they left PNG to begin their missionary service in Vanuatu. We woke up very early and a group of us took them to the airport at 4:00am. They will be based near Luganville on the northern island of Espirity Santo at our World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS) property.

In time they will start up a preschool, Asinate is a graduate of Bethel Preschool Teacher Training Course (BPTTC), as well

as relaunching WMFTS. I'm strongly encouraged by their willingness to serve and go out as missionaries.

Chrioni and I were able to spend some time with them before they left for Vanuatu. One Sunday afternoon we went out for lunch, and the following Sunday we had a farewell dinner with our family and Asinate's PNG family. It was very special, and we enjoyed our time with them, particularly the evening ice cream run and drive the four of us went on following our farewell dinner.

Bethel Sunday School is going well. We are over a month into the new program, and it has been well received by the children. I am leading the primary age group with a young lady named Aileen. Peggy and Serah are leading our preschool age group, and Viema is leading our junior youth age group. Aileen, Peggy and Serah are all graduates of BPTTC, and Viema is the course coordinator. It is a blessing working with the team and I am excited to see what will take place in the Sunday school.

In August I will just be working and leading the Sunday school. I will also be counting down the days for mum and dad's next visit! They will be coming to PNG at the beginning of September with Dr Stan and Joan DeKoven. I am extremely excited! I am looking forward to a great week of ministry and fun times.

Thank you once again for reading my update. Thank you to those who are praying for me and for those who are keeping in touch. It is very appreciated.

Many blessings,
Mikaela Groom



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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