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WARI UPDATE

Benjamin and Asinate are serving as missionaries on the island of Espiritu Santo in Vanuatu. They have prepared an update!

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WALHALLA REPORTS

Pr Mike, Kelly and Shekinah recently travelled to Walhalla, South Carolina. Read about their trip inside this edition.

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MIKAELA UPDATE

Mikaela Groom is serving as a missionary in Papua New Guinea. She has written an update for the month of October.

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WELCOME

Welcome to this month's edition of Connect News. We have now reached the final two months of 2023.

It was great having Pr Jeremiah, Delia and Nelliewinnie with us here in Adelaide last month. We really enjoyed our time with them and we trust they feel refreshed after their time away. Thank you to TCCFC for releasing them for their short break.

Kelly and I had a fantastic time in Walhalla, South Carolina last month. It was great seeing everyone again and ministering with our folk at Faith Center Church. Kelly has written a brief report of our trip (pages 6 and 7). Shekainah Sagun has also written a report of her time in the United States (pages 8 and 9).

This edition is a bit longer than usual as we have numerous missions updates and reports to include. In addition to our reports, we also have updates from Benjamin and Asinate Wari in Vanuatu and Mikaela Groom in Papua New Guinea. I trust you will enjoy the read.

It is great to see all that our missionaries are getting up to in the countries they are serving in. Please continue to keep Benjamin, Asinate and Mikaela in your prayers. Also remember the Hughes family in the United States and other missionaries that we have serving in other fields.

I trust you will all enjoy the month of November as you prepare for the end of 2023.

Blessings,
Pr Mike Groom

MISSIONS

Benjamin and Asinate Wari TCCFC commits \$100 per month

Benjamin and Asinate Wari have left Papua New Guinea (PNG) and are now in Vanuatu 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, David and 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 AND ASINATE WARI UPDATE

Benjamin and Asinate are based near Luganville on the island of Espiritu Santo in Vanuatu. Benjamin is from Papua New Guinea and Asinate is from Fiji.

They are currently serving as missionaries in Vanuatu and our four churches are their major supporters. They are doing a fantastic job and we look forward to including more of their reports in future editions of Connect News.

Benjamin and Asinate recently began a play school for young children. The play school has been going very well and the community has shown great support.

The children range between the ages of one and three and the play school runs from Monday to Friday each week.

REPORTS FROM THE WARIS

My husband and I recently went into town to get some more toys for the children because the kids keep fighting over the toys.

I have been talking with the parents of the kids that attend the play school and we decided that on Monday 27th November we will be going for a picnic with all the children.

Our close up date is on Thursday 30th November. We will be having lunch together with all the parents and students during the close up.

I came up with a program for Brother Willy to be our guest speaker and Benjamin to be the MC. We are planning to buy toys to present to the kids on the closing day.

This is just a brief report of what has been happening and what is going to happen in the coming weeks.

Blessings,
Asinate Wari

Towards the end of October we had a cyclone alert. It was a category 5 cyclone that just passed us and hit the outer islands to our left and hit another Island in front of us.

Praise God for all of your prayers. We only experienced strong wind and heavy rain. Other than that we are all okay and haven't experienced any damage from the wind and rain.

One Sunday in October, my wife and I were invited to help at a church called Hope Ministries which is pastored by a man named Pr Ron. Pr Ron who is married to a Fijian lady. Asinate was asked to show the mothers some Fijian ways of cooking on the Saturday.

Mothers from around our area came and it was fun to see so much laughter and enjoyment. It was also nice to see that our work together with these mothers here was encouraging.

On the Sunday evening I was asked to preach at their night crusade. During the crusade I spoke about guarding our hearts from bad influences if we want to see a changed community. The response from my message was positive.

We had alot young boys and girls come out for prayer (about 33 of them). We also had four young man which I led them to give their hearts to Christ. About nine older women recommitted their lives back to Christ.

Just a testimony from Asinate which happened that Sunday during the night crusade. As I was making an alter call for the sick she came to me and asked if she could say something so I gave her the microphone. She began to move in

discernment. She began to speak of two things.

1. There's a woman that's trying to leave her husband and children and that she's actually packed her bags all ready to leave.
2. There's a young girl that tried to commit suicide and her younger sister stopped her.

Those two ladies came out for prayer and they were both touched by power of the Holy Spirit. Some of the women standing beside started to speak in tongues as my wife started laying hands on them.

We had a great move of God's Spirit and about four people with special needs came forth for prayer and my wife and I prayed for them.

I prayed for a man who had chest burnes and was having problem breathing. He is now back to diving and catching fish in the sea which we believe God has healed him.

We thank you all for all your prayers and we also continue to stand with you all in prayer as well.

Blessings,
Benjamin Wari

PR MIKE AND KELLY IN USA

On Thursday 19th October, Shekinah, Mike and I started the long journey to Walhalla in South Carolina, USA. It was wonderful to arrive at Faith Center after a few delays, cancelled flights, car hire issues and a flat tyre. But we made it! We had some wonderful conversations with people along the way. It's amazing the different ones that cross your path, especially in unexpected situations.

While we were in Walhalla, Pr Warwick and his family went on a long-overdue vacation. They had a great week away visiting Pigeon Forge, Charlotte and Greenville. Mike and I enjoyed sharing in the Sunday morning service. It was so nice seeing everyone again.

During the week we had appointments, visited some of the church folk and we also had some time in Greenwood, visiting Pr Rod and Carmen and their church family. Pr Rod is a trustee of Faith Center and several people from their church have spent time in Walhalla.

On the following Sunday, after Pr Warwick and Omega's return, Mike had some time with the leadership group at Faith Center, talking about vision, strategy and plans for the future.

We are very excited with what God has in store for Faith Center Church and it was a privilege to be there with everyone. If anyone feels like they would like to visit Walhalla, I encourage you to seriously plan for it. You will love it. It is a beautiful part of the world and the church family there is amazing.



ADVENTURES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Having the amazing opportunity to return to South Carolina during their fall season has been such a blessing. It was wonderful to be back in Walhalla and to see the church congregation again with all their warm greetings. While I was there, I spent most of my days catching up with Stephen as we went on dates in different areas around South Carolina and took day trips to different cities in Georgia and North Carolina. The season showed off such beauty of the amazing sceneries we visited. One of the highlights was the 'Pretty Place', a chapel in the mountains that overlooked sweeping views of forested hills. A must to add to anyone's travelling list.

The following Sunday, I visited Stephen's church, Grace Community Church, in Greenwood, a church that shares connections with Faith Center Church. It was lovely to be apart of their service and see Stephen serve their worship team on the drums. It was also lovely spending time with his family.

Spending just over a week in South Carolina has become such a highlight of mine, it was a peaceful and long week. I'm feeling so blessed to have created lots of memories and take in the beauty of the location. I'm thankful for the love I received from all the people I spent time with during this trip. I always look forward to returning back to South Carolina.

Shekinah Sagun





MIKAELA'S OCTOBER UPDATE

In October I had opportunities to lecture again which I was very happy about. The first students I taught were our preschool teachers in training. My lectures were held across three Tuesday mornings from 7:30-9:00am. I taught from the subject 'Dynamic Christian Foundations', and my specific topic was 'Christian Giving'. I really enjoy my time with our preschool teachers. I always welcome the opportunity to teach them.

The second group of students I taught were our Bethel Bible School (BBS) students. I taught our second year students earlier this year, but in October I was given the chance to teach our first year students. The topic I was given to lecture on was 'Praying with All Kinds of Prayer', and I taught it across two nights.

I enjoy teaching in BBS because I'm able to mix more closely with people from the church and other areas outside of Bethel Centre. My lectures were held at the new building at Bethel Centre, not the church this time. It was great as I was able to make use of the TV to incorporate some video teaching from Pr Rick Warren into my lectures. The students really enjoyed it and I'm keen to lecture again next year if the opportunity arises.

At the beginning of October, I was asked to join BBS during their counselling night. We were each assigned a student or two and we had to go through a list of

questions with them. The questions just surrounded their time in BBS and what they hope to do after graduation. I was allocated one young girl, and I really enjoyed my time. The two of us talked nonstop until our session was finished.

Bethel Sunday School is going well. Our preschool and primary aged group finished their lessons on TRUST in October and began their lessons on PRAYER. Our junior youth aged group continued on with their 'Defined' curriculum, which focuses on their identity in Christ. I constantly hear good reports from our head teachers for each age group which is very encouraging.

Chrioni began helping me out in Sunday school in October which I was very excited about. He has been joining us in the Pidgin service and he has been a great help. He will continue helping out in the Pidgin service.

An exciting event that took place at the end of October was Ben and Serah's wedding. Ben and Serah are both on staff here at Bethel Centre. Serah is one of the head teachers of our preschool age group in Sunday school, and she will be the head teacher of Bethel Christian Preschool Tokarara when it opens next year at the Bethel Centre property.

There is one more wedding in November and then Chrioni and I will be getting married in December. We are closing up the line-up of weddings for 2023.

Thank you very much for your ongoing prayers and support.

Mikaela Groom

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Account Number: 1076 8547

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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