



# CONNECT

JULY 2024

## 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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## INDIA REPORT

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom went to India in June to visit our training schools. Kelly has written a report of their trip.

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## PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Bethel Christian Preschool Tokarara in Papua New Guinea had a class party to end term two. Photos can be found inside.

**Photos on pages 6-7**



# WELCOME

Welcome to this month's edition of Connect News.

Kelly and I visited India in June. We had a fantastic time visiting our training schools - World Missions Faith Training School and Evangelos International Training Institute. Our team of staff in each of the schools are all young people. They are a huge inspiration and we enjoyed our time ministering to them and enjoying fellowship with them. Kelly has written a report of our trip on pages 4-5.

Also included in this edition are photos and a brief overview of Bethel Christian Preschool in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG). The preschool is going well and they have just recently closed for the school holidays.

A number of us will be travelling to PNG this month to take part in the CRC's 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary in the nation. They were meant to hold a 50<sup>th</sup> celebration but it was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has now turned into a 52<sup>nd</sup> celebration.

This will be Pr Barry Silverback's first time in PNG for five years. Rachele Hardy will also be joining us along with a number of other pastors and members of the CRC from around Australia. Please keep us all in your prayers as we go.

Later this month, Kelly and I will be heading to Tennant Creek. It will be great to see Pr Jeremiah and Delia, as well as all of you at Tennant Creek Christian Family Church.

Blessings,  
**Pr Mike Groom**

# MISSIONS

**Benjamin and Asinate Wari**  
TCCFC commits \$100 per month

Benjamin and Asinate Wari are serving as missionaries in Vanuatu. Benjamin is from Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Asinate is from Fiji.

They are doing a great job ministering to the community they are located in. In March 2024 they began a preschool on the property they are living on - Bethel Christian Preschool Banban. In the same month they also began a church - Banban Christian Centre.

Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they lead these two new ministries in Vanuatu. It is a privilege to support them as a church.

**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).





## INDIA REPORT

At the beginning of June, Mike and I went to India to visit two of our six bases in India. At one base we run a full-time Bible school called Evangelos International Training Institute (EITI), and at another base we run a full-time missions school called World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS).

You can read about these schools in our missions booklet. If you haven't read this booklet, please grab one and have a read. It is so informative and inspiring.

All of our staff at EITI have trained at the school and are now in leadership roles there. We were able to sit with them and encourage them, asking how they're

going with the program and anything else they wanted to talk about. I find these men and women very inspiring. They are dedicated, passionate for God, and willing to serve God with their whole life. It was an honour to be with them and spend time with them.

We also spent time with Pr Daimai and his wife, Achong. In 2017, Pr Daimai came to our CRC National Conference in Australia where he met Pr Barry. Shortly after that, Pr Barry went to India and spent time with Pr Daimai and his church there. Pr Barry then started EITI and all the students and staff attend Pr Daimai's church. Pr Daimai provides some support and pastoral care to the staff and students at EITI.

It was so good being with everyone at EITI, taking time to encourage them,

share the Word and discuss many things. On our last night we bought everyone KFC for dinner. Two of them had never eaten KFC. It was awesome!

After EITI, we travelled to WMFTS in another state. We had a beautiful welcome dinner with the students and staff. It was great being with Pr Dipen, the other staff and the students.

We went to a local church on the Sunday. The pastor of the church is a man that Pr Barry has known for many years. We had some fellowship with him over the breakfast table on the Monday morning which we really enjoyed.

It was great spending time with the students and staff of WMFTS. They are a great group of people, eager to learn

and serve God. They are inspiring and it will be exciting to see how they grow and develop and where God will lead them.

Purnima, her husband and daughter came to visit us while we were at WMFTS. Purnima was a student at WMFTS quite a few years ago. She served in Papua New Guinea and Fiji, and then went back to India. She was in leadership at EITI for a while before she met her husband, and they are now serving in Nepal. It was awesome. I absolutely loved seeing them, especially their very cute daughter!

We were in India for a short time, but it was so good. We enjoyed being with everyone, sharing meals together, sharing the Word and encouraging each other.

**Kelly Groom**



# PRESCHOOL CLASS PARTY

Bethel Christian Preschool Tokarara is located in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG) on the property of Bethel Christian Centre (BCC). BCC is home to our ministry training centre in Port Moresby – Bethel International Training Centre (BITC).

The preschool began at the end of April this year. There are 26 children enrolled in the preschool. We have received positive feedback from parents so far. Our staff are doing a fantastic job running the school.

Our preschool teachers are graduates of Bethel Preschool Teacher Training College (BPTTC), one of the courses offered through BITC.

Serah is our head teacher. She was part of our first batch of students under BPTTC. She graduated in 2020 and went on to teach for two years preschool in Gaire village. She returned to Port Moresby, got married and is now teaching in our new preschool.

Peggy is our other teacher. She was part of the second batch of students under BPTTC. She graduated in 2023 and stayed at BCC to serve.

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Serah and Peggy sat with parents one-by-one to update them on their children's progress. They also held a class party to celebrate the end of their first term as a preschool.

Photos from their end-of-term party can be seen on the following page.





## ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: [www.tccf.com.au](http://www.tccf.com.au)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/tennantcreekchristianfamilychurch](https://www.facebook.com/tennantcreekchristianfamilychurch)

## CONTACT DETAILS

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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](http://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](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla)

Service Time: 10:00am