



# CONNECT

APRIL 2025

## 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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## BUILDING OPENING

New Life Christian Centre has undergone major facility upgrades. The new facility will officially be opened this month!

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## OUR TIME IN SRI LANKA

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom, and Chrioni and Mikaela Geno, recently travelled to Sri Lanka to visit our children's homes.

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# WELCOME

We are joining our Adelaide Christian Centre family and connected churches in '21 Days of Prayer and Fasting'. If you haven't joined our Facebook group for , please scan the QR code.

Please join us in praying the following prayer points for Tennant Creek Christian Family Church.

- Pray for the fresh move of the Holy Spirit in the church.
- Pray for congregation members to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for an increase in an attitude of prayer and worship prayer.
- Pray for funds for the upgrading TCCFC church building.
- Pray for ministry opportunities in the Aboriginal communities.

- Pray for the upcoming youth & Adults team coming in July from Adelaide
- Pray for a committed leader for our Elliot town outreach.
- Pray for a building to hold services in Elliot town.
- Pray for our outreach in Katherine to secure a property to hold church meetings and other activities.
- Pray for God's leading and direction as we work towards establishing a ministry base in Katherine.



# 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).



# BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

## New Life Christian Centre's New Building Extensions and Refurbishment

We are excited to announce the official opening of our church building will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April. It has been a long but exciting journey to reach this point.

The church began as a home group at Mrs McMurtrie's house in the late 1950s, when people stepped out in faith to plant a church in the South. This small gathering soon grew into a vibrant congregation, meeting first at the Old Noarlunga Institute, then the CWA Hall in Port Noarlunga, before purchasing the current site. The church facility was built and extended throughout the late 1960s and 1970s. Over the years, it has been a spiritual home for hundreds, many of whom were saved and baptised here – a wonderful testimony to God's grace.

While we are deeply grateful to past members and pioneers for their vision, sacrifice, and contributions, which provided a debt-free property for the church, it became clear that our ageing 1970s-style building – with its 'dunnies' out the back – needed renewal.

We explored various options, including relocating or a complete rebuild, but ultimately decided to maximise our existing land by refurbishing and extending the facility.

Our journey towards renewal began in the late 2000s when we approached Mr Lin Andrews of Lin Andrews Real Estate (LARE) with a question: "What can we do

with our vacant land across the road to raise capital for a renewed facility?" After much discussion and consultation, we established a property trust to develop the land.

In partnership with the Lin Andrews Property Group (LAPG), we built an office complex and completed other commercial projects for lease or sale through the Trust. These ventures have been truly fruitful, enabling New Life Christian Centre (NLCC) to raise most of the necessary capital while retaining investments through our Property Trust.

Our co-directors for the Trust, Lin and Mr Anthony Moore, have been outstanding in their role, bringing all the expertise and wisdom needed for the Property Trust's success. We are very grateful to them for their hard work over many years, and to the team at LAPG, and LARE.

A core aspect of our partnership is a shared vision to serve Christ, using our talents and resources for His glory and the expansion of His Kingdom.

Our congregation has also given generously to complete the project. Well done, NLCC!

We are immensely thankful to Mr Peter Claridge and the team at Claridge Construction for their excellent work in turning plans and drawings into reality.

In 2023, we launched 'A Time to Build'! We moved operations to the back hall – cramped, but functional. The congregation showed patience and cooperation during this period.

Claridge Construction laid the foundations and began building new

extensions and refurbishing the existing auditorium.

Working with the Claridge team has been a pleasure, and we celebrated ‘handover’ together in late 2024.

It’s an exciting time for our congregation as we enjoy the new facility. In our church we now have dedicated spaces for fellowship, meals, coffee, and ministry, along with a full suite of toilets, a sound room, a babies’ room, and meeting rooms.

Buildings are essential to the family of God, providing a place to gather, serve others, and reach out to the surrounding community with the love and good news of Christ.

Just like the early pioneers, we have stepped out in faith to build afresh for the coming season and future generations.

**All glory to God!**

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, “I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.”

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus said, “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

A local church facility is a physical home for the local church – a base of operations for the mission of Jesus Christ.

**Pr Greg Crome**



# OUR TIME IN SRI LANKA

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Chrioni and I headed to Brisbane from Port Moresby and then onto Sri Lanka via Singapore the following day. We spent two weeks in Sri Lanka visiting Bethel Children's Home in Valaichenai, and Pr Somanathan's church in Colombo. This was Chrioni's first missions trip and we had a great time.

Mum and dad arrived in Colombo one hour after us. We stayed the night at Pr Somanathan's house before driving to the children's home the next morning. During our first few days, we spent time with the staff and children, enjoyed their Sunday school, and had a great time in our church on our farm property.

Mum and dad made their way back to Colombo after the church service, but Chrioni and I stayed for another week. Chrioni spent the week preparing the kitchen and dining room for painting. This included patching the walls, sanding and cleaning. He was then able to go in and paint the walls and ceilings. Both rooms looked amazing after they received a much-needed paint job.

I spent a large bulk of my time teaching English. Luckily the students were on one-week break during our visit. It was an unexpected holiday, but it worked out so well. I taught from Monday to Friday. The youngest girls were from 10:00-11:00am, the next group was from 11:00am-12:00pm, all the boys were from 3:00-4:00pm, and the oldest girls were from 7:00-8:00pm.





We went over very basic greetings and sentences, played fun games to learn vocabulary words, and learnt how to introduce ourselves. It was great fun, and I believe everyone enjoyed the lessons.

On top of our painting and English classes, I was able to complete some of my general work and spend time playing games with the girls. Chrioni enjoyed playing different sports with the boys - cricket, soccer and volleyball.

We also enjoyed our time getting to know all of our staff members more. The young couple looking after the boys' home are similar age to Chrioni and I. We really enjoyed our afternoons spending time with them.

We spent the weekend in Colombo with Pr Somanathan's church before we headed to Singapore for a few days on our way back to Papua New Guinea. I was given the opportunity to preach, which I really enjoyed. Chrioni was asked to introduce himself and share about his trip so far. He shared very well.

This was my first time preaching with a translator. I have introduced myself through a translator before, but this was my first time delivering a full sermon. I actually enjoyed it. It was very helpful when Pr Somanathan translated my sentences, as it gave me time to think about what to say next.

Chrioni and I both enjoyed our time in Sri Lanka. It was special being able to travel with my husband, usually I am alone or with dad. Dad, I still enjoy travelling with you, but it was fun travelling with Chrioni. We look forward to our next visit!

**Mikaela Geno**

## 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

Address: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, NT 0860

Email: [info@tccf.com.au](mailto:info@tccf.com.au)

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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](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