

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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GLOBAL MISSIONS

Our church supports a number of people and ministries overseas. The areas of our missions support can be found inside.

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KATHERINE REPORT

Pr Jeremiah Madimadi has written an update on some exciting new ministry opportunities opening up in the town of Katherine.

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WELCOME

Welcome to our February Connect News. I trust you all had a great break over the Christmas and New Year period. I am excited for the year ahead and I am waiting in anticipation for all that God will do across our churches and the various ministries we are associated with.

Pr Jeremiah has written an article about some exciting new opportunities opening up for ministry in Katherine. We are still in the early stages of getting to know the leaders there, but we are prayerful that God will use this new opportunity to reach more people for Him.

Please join us in prayer as we navigate our way through this exciting new development. Let us believe for God's wisdom and guidance as we seek to reach more people in the Northern Territory for Christ!

At the time of writing, I am in the Philippines attending their national conference for CRC Churches International (picture on the cover). I am here with Pr Barry Silverback and Pr Gwaibo Badira from Bethel Centre in Papua New Guinea (PNG). I will write a report for the March Connect News.

In February, a German couple who are part of Adelaide Christian Centre will be joining Kelly and I for a trip to PNG. We are looking forward to a great trip.

If you have a desire to be more involved in Global Missions, please speak to Pr Jeremiah. There are many ways we can become involved in Global Missions.

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).

KATHERINE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

On Monday 11th November 2024, my family and I made the 675km trip from Tennant Creek to Katherine, a small town in the Northern Territory.

We did not know what to expect when we drove into Katherine for the first time, but a few things made us feel very much at home: Aboriginals walking around, tall green trees, frangipani trees and palm trees.

The following day we meet up with Pr Mike Groom who flew from Adelaide to Darwin and then drove 317km to Katherine.

The purpose of our trip was to meet with four elderly Aboriginal leaders who have been running a church in Katherine on their own for about eight years.

Pr Mike and I met with them and they welcomed us warmly. They openly shared their ministry needs with us.

One need that was expressed was for someone or an organisation to help them with the ministry of their existing church and within Aboriginal communities around Katherine.

We had a really good meeting with the leaders.

There are few things yet to be sorted out regarding our involvement in the Katherine ministry, but for the meantime Pr Mike and I have made a commitment





to give them our support by paying them a visit once a month.

Our visits will include cleaning the church property, preaching, teaching and visiting Aboriginal communities. Our church in Tennant Creek will fully support this ministry.

My family and I (with the support of Tennant Creek Christian Family Church) have visited Katherine town three times so far.

On Saturdays during our visits, we clean the church property, including the church house, toilets, shower and the church itself. We also help with mowing the lawn.

I preach on the Sundays and Delia helps with the Sunday school ministry.

On our last visit, 23 adults and 16 children attended the church service.

The church service was great with beautiful music and singing led by the singing group.

Everyone stayed around for tea after church.

Our next trip to Katherine will be on the second weekend of February from the 7^{th} to the 10th.

We will do some more cleaning on the church property and visit some Aboriginal communities located in and around Katherine.

Please pray for us as we help our brothers and sisters in Katherine to reach one more for Christ.

Pr Jeremiah Madimadi

ONLINE PRESENCE

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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: <u>www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au</u> Service Times: 10:00am and 5:30pm

New Life Christian Centre

Address: 105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach, SA 5165 Web: <u>www.newlifeonline.org.au</u> Service Times: 10:00am and 5:30pm

Faith Center Church

Address: 115 Worley Lane, Walhalla SC 29691, United States Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla</u> Service Time: 10:00am