

CONNECT

MARCH 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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VANUATU REPORT

Pr Greg Crome and Roger Fitton recently visited our missionaries in Vanuatu. Pr Greg has written a report from their trip.

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PNG VISIT

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom recently visited Papua New Guinea with another couple. You can read about their visit inside.

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WELCOME

Welcome to our March Connect News. I trust you are doing well in Tennant Creek. Although we are far in distance, you are close in thought. We love having Tennant Creek Christian Family Church as part of our Adelaide Christian Centre family!

February was a busy month. Pr Barry Silverback and I enjoyed our time in the Philippines where we attended their CRC National Conference. It was a great time visiting long-time friends and meeting new people in our movement over there. We both had opportunities to minister during the conference and we look forward to developing our relationship further with our team in the Philippines.

Kelly and I, along with another couple in our church here in Adelaide, also enjoyed

a trip to Papua New Guinea in the middle of February. A report from our trip can be found on pages 6 and 7 of this Connect News.

In March Kelly and I will be travelling to India and Sri Lanka. In India, we will be visiting our training school in Siliguri. We are looking forward to spending time with our staff and students. In Sri Lanka we will be meeting up with our daughter Mikaela and her husband Chrioni. They are based in Papua New Guinea. We will be visiting our children's home. We will send you updates of the children you support following our trip.

I trust you enjoyed having Pr Gregg and Peter with you last month. They really enjoyed their trip. Thank you very much for welcoming them.

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).

VANUATU TRIP REPORT

Roger Fitton (an elder at New Life Christian Centre) and I spent a week at our Vanuatu CRC base on Santo Island. We were there from Thursday 6th - Thursday 13th February.

Our main reasons for travelling to Vanuatu were to visit our missionaries, Benjamin and Asinate Wari (sent from Papua New Guinea), and to organise some improvements to our utilities on the property.

We thoroughly enjoyed our fellowship with the Benjamin and Asinate, Willy (a long-term worker at the base) and Patrick. Patrick is Pr Remy Adam's nephew who has spent time on the property helping with some construction and other practical work.

During our time on Santo, we sourced materials and equipment to build a solar-powered well pump. Patrick and the guys installed it. The property is limited to rain water and bore water. Patrick's welding skills came in handy to ensure maximum protection for the solar panels against cyclonic winds.

In addition to looking into solar power for the pump, we investigated what is available locally to renew the aging main solar system. It will be very useful if we can upgrade the current power supply to the property.

We also purchased a second lawn mower. This was desperately needed as there is more than four acres of lawn to mow. And yes, I did do some mowing!

Benjamin and Anisate have been in Vanuatu for well over a year now. They are doing a fantastic work commencing a preschool (Bethel Christian Preschool) and planting a church (Ban Ban Christian Centre) on the base.

They are also building good relationships with people around the community. Their work involves reaching out to local families and all that is involved in progressing the new preschool and church plant, along with looking after the substantial property there. Willy, who lives on-site, is a great help each week.

Historically the base has been a centre for training people for ministry. For several years Pr John and Unuba Weimani from PNG oversaw this work. They have now retired back to PNG.

The COVID-19 pandemic made training very difficult, resulting in a pause on training there. It is wonderful to see the new ventures with the preschool and church plant, and to have wonderful young missionary couple based there.

The property (approximately five acres developed and six acres of bush) is situated centrally in a growing area called 'Ban Ban' with roads lining each boundary.

It is a 20 minute taxi drive from Luganville, the major town and commercial centre on Santo, and only 15 minutes to the international airport. Santo is the largest Island by landmass and the second most populated in the nation.

The ministry is overseen by Bethel Centre PNG and Adelaide Christian Centre.

Pr Greg Crome



PAPUA NEW GUINEA VISIT

In February, Pr Mike and Kelly Groom visited Papua New Guinea (PNG) with another couple from Adelaide Christian Centre (ACC) - Andreas and Amke Buse.

Andreas and Amke travelled to PNG a few days earlier than Pr Mike and Kelly. They have been part of the ACC congregation for almost one year. They are originally from Germany and have been living in Australia for several years now, previously in Perth and now in Adelaide.

During their time in PNG, they had the opportunity to preach in Bethel Tabernacle of Praise's morning and evening services on Sunday 9th February. They also enjoyed fellowship with people living on the Bethel Christian Centre property and they were asked to minister to our Bethel International Training College students on various occasions.

When Pr Mike and Kelly arrived, they settled straight into work. Kelly is assisting Bethel's finance office so she was busy catching up with work and meeting with the finance ladies. Pr Mike spent his time meeting with many people about various things. They also both had opportunities to preach and minister with people at Bethel Christian Centre and in the church.

The main purpose of their trip was to attend the wedding of Stanis and Aileen Kerana. They are one of our young couples who have been on staff at Bethel Christian Centre for a number of years.



ONLINE PRESENCE

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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