

CONNECT

MAY 2025

PRESCHOOL IN PNG

Our preschool in Port Moresby is going very well. Our head teacher has written a brief report to share what is taking place recently.

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MISSIONARY JOURNEY

We are excited to announce that we will be sending a young missionary from PNG to Vanuatu this month to assist the Waris.

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HUGHES UPDATE

Pr Warwick Hughes, missionary to the USA, has written an update on behalf of his family sharing what is taking place in Walhalla.

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WELCOME

Welcome to our May edition of Connect News. We're so glad you're reading along as we celebrate what God is doing through our church family both locally and abroad.

In this issue, you'll find an inspiring report on Enoch Kupla as he begins his missionary journey to Vanuatu, as well as a faith-filled update from the Hughes family on their missions work. It is great to read about what our missionaries are doing as they follow the call of God upon their lives.

We also share a heartwarming preschool update highlighting recent growth and developments amongst our children and teachers in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Each article included within these pages is a testimony of God's faithfulness and the power of His call to go, serve, and build His Kingdom. We pray you're encouraged and stirred to keep walking boldly in the part God has called you to.

At the start of May, Pr Mike Groom, Pr Jeremiah Madimadi, and Chrioni Geno (Pr Mike's son-in-law) met in Katherine to continue discussions with a local church about some outreach opportunities. We are excited about doors that may be opening to assist this local church in reaching out to the local community.

Join us in praying for clarity and wisdom as the team continues to seek God's leading in this area. Whether it's in PNG, Vanuatu, or remote Australia, we are committed to following the Holy Spirit's guidance as we partner with others to bring the hope of the gospel.

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).



JOYFUL START TO THE YEAR

Greetings from Bethel Christian Preschool Tokarara, Papua New Guinea (PNG)! My name is Peggy Harupa and I am the Head Teacher of the preschool. This year, I am joined by three graduates of Bethel Preschool Teacher Training College. They are assisting me in the running of the preschool.

We are pleased to share that we have successfully completed the first term of our academic year. It has been a joyful and rewarding time, with many improvements seen in the children's behaviour, learning, and classroom participation. We've also received encouraging feedback from parents about their children's development, which has affirmed the work we are doing and the impact it's having.

This year, we have a total of 34 students enrolled – 21 boys and 13 girls – which brings us to our full capacity. As we begin Term Two, we are looking forward to an exciting event: an excursion to the Port Moresby Nature Park. The Nature Park is currently running a children's program

that includes storytelling, animal visits, and games, all designed to engage young learners in meaningful ways. We have proposed to go on Friday the 9th of May, just one week away.

We are thrilled to share that one of our preschool parents has generously offered to cover the complete cost of the excursion. The entry fees are K2.00 per child and K5.00 per adult. Transportation is also taken care of, with the Nature Park kindly offering free pick-up and drop-off for the excursion. Children will bring their own lunch, which they are welcome to share with friends. We'll also be provided a shelter at the park, free of charge, where the children can enjoy their meals together and take a break in the shade.

Everyone at Bethel Christian Preschool Tokarara is looking forward to this special outing. It's a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience learning in a new and engaging environment, while also having fun and building friendships that will continue to grow throughout the year. We are excited for what's ahead and grateful for the support of our school community.

Thank you for your continued prayers and encouragement.



JOURNEY TO VANUATU

My name is Enoch Kupla and I am 26 years old. I am from the Western Highlands Province of PNG. I completed Year 12 in 2020. In 2021, I joined the Provincial Bible School for five months of training. Then in 2022, I came to Bethel International Training College (BITC) and enrolled in the missions school.

During my time at BITC, God clearly spoke to me about the vision of our movement – Christian Revival Crusade (CRC) PNG – which is built on four key pillars: Evangelism, Church Planting, Training, and Missions.

The CRC has an international vision of reaching the whole world by 2045. This vision challenged me to stay on after graduation and serve as a member of BITC's training staff. God also gave me a scripture that became very personal to me: "On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.'" Acts 1:4



I was one of the quietest students in class – shy and unsure when it came to speaking or leading. But when God spoke to me through His Word, I became bold and courageous, both in speech and in action, because I knew He was calling me to help fulfil His vision.

God stirred in me a deep desire to do evangelism. I feel excited and ready to serve in places where the Gospel is needed most.

When Pr Mike Groom asked me to go to Vanuatu, I knew it was part of God's plan to fulfil His promises – not just to me personally, but for the spreading of the Gospel around the world before 2045.

My goal in going to Vanuatu is to live out the four pillars of CRC PNG. I believe these pillars are powerful tools that can bring breakthrough, and through them, the Church will continue to spread to every nation.

Thank you, and may our Sovereign Lord be good to us all.

Enoch will travel to Vanuatu on Monday 5th May to begin his missionary service. He will be serving at our base in Banban, working alongside missionaries Benjamin and Asinate Wari.



MINISTRY AND FAMILY LIFE IN WALHALLA

Greetings to you all from Walhalla, South Carolina, USA. Time certainly hasn't stood still for us in 2025! We trust that you are all working hard to reach the lost for the Kingdom of God and prepare for the soon return of our King, Jesus.

Over the past three months, we've been doing our best to reach those in and around our community. We've prayed with people we've never met and shared the love of Jesus. While we haven't yet seen anyone come to Christ, we continue stepping out in faith and prayer, trusting God for the harvest. We've been knocking on doors, asking people if there's anything we can pray for and whether they know Jesus.

In February, we hosted our first International Meal, where our congregation invited friends they've been building relationships with. 13 congregation members attended, along with eight people who've visited church before, and four newcomers we'd never met. It was a blessed and challenging evening, and we're planning to hold another one at the end of May.

Around the property, Jethro has been helping me with clean-up. We've been working on a small shed where we store the church lawnmower and some machinery. We were also given some warehouse shelving, which we've started using to store PVC pipes and timber. That's still a work in progress.

We've also used one of those shelves as scaffolding after strong winds in March damaged our roadside signboard. We removed old, rotten sheets from one side and replaced them with new ones. The other side is also rotten and will need to be done soon. With the grass now growing, we're back into mowing and maintaining the property.

We recently held a small celebration of life service for a dear brother who served faithfully here with his wife for many years. Omega and I also attended a memorial service for him, organised by his daughter and held at the church he had been attending.

The 21 days of fasting and prayer have been a real blessing. We've experienced some powerful times of prayer, and I believe it's helped our church family become more aware of Jesus in their daily lives. It's also been wonderful having different people minister and preach during this time. Pr Omega preached a powerful message on Blind Bartimaeus that deeply impacted many in the congregation. Several people shared with me how they saw new insights in the passage thanks to her message.

The ladies' ministry is flourishing. They recently had a guest speaker who is a friend of ours, and a good number of women came along for the Thursday night meeting. At the next gathering, Pr Omega shared the message and received very positive feedback.

Men's meetings have been a little quieter lately. Instead of our usual breakfast, we had a prayer and fasting meeting. A few were away, but those who attended had a meaningful time of prayer.

Youth nights are going well. We had a great night out ten-pin bowling, with strong support and a great turnout of young people. We're planning more events soon—mini golf and other fun activities are on the list.

I continue teaching the men at The Hub Ministry on Thursday nights, three times a month. It's encouraging to see them growing in faith and stepping forward in their walk with God.

Jethro recently completed a real estate course and helps me around the property. Young Warwick is in Year 12 and set to graduate this year. He's looking into becoming an accountant. Omega has been busy in the garden and helping Kathleen, one of our long-time congregation members, with dressmaking. I've been helping in the garden too, and it's looking good.

We recently had a family day out playing mini golf. It was full of laughter and fun moments. At one point, Young Warwick hit his ball, and it flew off the course, bounced on some stones, rolled onto the 17th hole—and went straight in! We told him it didn't count though, as we were only on the 9th hole at the time!

We've also been doing some painting in the lounge room of our home. We wanted a fresh look, so the boys and I got stuck in and gave it a new coat of colour.

Thank you all for your ongoing prayers and support. Together, we are making a difference for the Kingdom of God.

Pr Warwick Hughes
Missionary from New Zealand to the United States of America

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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

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