



CONNECT

APRIL 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a number of events coming up this month. Look inside to familiarise yourself with what is taking place this month.

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MADIMADI UPDATE

Pr Jeremiah, Delia and Nellie Winnie Madimadi are doing a great job in Tennant Creek. Read their latest update inside.

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MISSIONARY REPORT

Mikaela Groom relocated to Papua New Guinea in February. She has written a report of her experience so far.

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WELCOME TO NLCC

Happy Easter! We are looking forward to our special Good Friday breakfast and Resurrection Sunday service. Easter is a great time to share about the meaning of Easter with family and friends, and to invite people to the special services.

May I encourage you to reach out this Easter. People need to hear about the wonderful gift our of Saviour Jesus. Acts 5:20 says, "Go to the Temple and give the people this message of (new) life!".

People may well be more open to hearing about the Lord at Easter time. Let's start discussion with people and see if the Lord opens up opportunities to tell people all about this New Life.

It's exciting to see Rebekah Manih going

on her first short term missions trip to Papua New Guinea this Easter with 19 other members of Adelaide Christian Centre. Please pray for the trip's success.

I think being part of the church is a wonderful thing. For more than 40 years I have only benefitted from remaining faithful to the fellowship, worship, and ministry of the local church. This month our connect groups continue and are a great way to grow in your faith and build friendships. Please pray for our congregations in Adelaide, Christies Beach, Tennant Creek and Walhalla, USA.

Many blessings and may your Easter time be very special.

God bless, **Pr Greg Crome**

MINISTRIES PRAYER

Launch Youth: In 2023 we are combining more with ACC under the leadership of Joel and Zoe Groom.

Youth and Children (CYC) Sundays: Held during the Sunday morning service during the school term.

Tuesday Night Young Adults Connect Group: Combined with ACC in the West and South. Please visit www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/.

Wednesday Night Connect Group: Twice a month. 7:00pm at 75 Riverview Drive, Port Noarlunga (0417 857 515).

Thursday Night Connect Group: Twice a month. 7:00pm at the Odis' house (0452 634 630).

Missions Prayer Requests

- Pray for our team of 20 people who are travelling to Papua New Guinea to take part in an Easter worship convention.
- Pray for Benjamin and Asinate Wari as they prepare to relocate to Vanuatu as missionaries from Papua New Guinea.
- Pray for Mikaela Groom as she continues to settle into missionary life at Bethel Centre in Papua New Guinea.

Church Prayer Requests

- Please contact the church office if you have any prayer requests.



BEFORE CHURCH PRAYER Sunday Mornings

Join us from 9:20am to 9:50am in the main auditorium every Sunday morning for prayer. The best hope for change and transformation is to seek God in prayer, out of which life, blessing, direction, and divine provision come.

CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT Offering Information

Please continue to pray for the success of our Church Building Extension Project. If you would like to continue giving towards the project, please mark your offering as 'NLCC church building extension project'.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST Friday 7th April

Join us at Pr Greg Crome's house (75 Riverview Drive, Port Noarlunga) at 9:00am. We will have a time of worship and reflection on the cross, followed by breakfast. All food is supplied. Contact Pr Greg (0417 857 515) to reserve a spot.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE Sunday 9th April

On Easter Sunday we will be holding our morning service as per normal. Join us in the main auditorium at 10:00am. You are more than welcome to invite your friends and family. There will be no evening service on Easter Sunday.



TENNANT CREEK UPDATE

It was very sad for us to hear of late Pr Elijah Umeume's sudden passing in March. The church members who know late Pr Elijah were very sad because he was in Tennant Creek three years ago as a missionary, and he did a lot of good things for people and the church. We will continue to offer up prayers for the team at Bethel, Auntie Beverley and the Umeume family for peace, comfort and strength.

In January and February of this year we have seen God's hand upon Tennant Creek Christian Family Church (TCCFC). In addition to the new Aboriginal attendees, we have also seen three young Fijians, a young South Sudanese man and a family from Kenya.

It is bit hard to reach the people with the gospel here because everyone is focused on work, making money, drinking, and personal businesses, but by the grace of God we are slowly reaching out to both the internationals and

Indigenous people. We are building as many relationships as we can with people and in due time, we will be able to share the gospel and invite them to church. Please pray as we believe for more open doors to bring people to Christ.

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom's visit at the end of February was a real blessing to the church here in Tennant Creek. They arrived at TCCFC on Friday 24th February.

In the evening they spent time encouraging and praying for a few Aboriginal children that came for the youth program. They were very blessed to have Pr Mike and Kelly minister to them.

On the Saturday morning Kelly hosted a breakfast for the ladies. Pr Mike did a nice BBQ for the ladies while I drove around to pick them up. They had a wonderful time of fellowship with Kelly.

On the Sunday Pr Mike preached in both of our services. The number of people who attended both the morning and evening services increased above our normal figure. In our evening service many people stepped out for prayer and four people gave their hearts to the Lord during the prayer ministry after Pr Mike preached the Word.

Even though it was a very short visit, they made a very big impact in the church and in our lives. We are encouraged by their visit to keep doing good in this tough environment.

Our one week break from Wednesday 8th - Wednesday 15th March in Adelaide was so refreshing. During our break in Adelaide, I was given an opportunity to preach at Adelaide Christian Centre's (ACC) Sunday morning service. We were also invited by three different connect groups to share about what the Lord is doing at TCCFC.

We also met with the leaders of ACC and New Life Christian Centre (NLCC), including Papa Barry, in the leaders' meeting at Sturt Street. I was given an opportunity to give an update of what is happening at TCCFC.

It was also a great honour to have been invited by Rebekah Groom and Tom Lee to their engagement celebration at ACC. It was so great to be part of their celebration.

After meeting with fellow leaders, pastors and friends in Adelaide, we came back to Tennant Creek feeling refreshed and confident to continue serving the Lord in this beautiful part of Australia.

Our Bible study and prayer on Tuesday nights is running well. Most of our subjects are taken from the 'Way of the Lord'. The subjects are effective here.

Women's fellowship is held every Thursday evening. Most women attending the program are all very old ladies. Help us pray for younger ladies to attend too. Most younger ladies have no interest in church activities.

One of our main focuses is the youth and children. Every Friday night I drive around the town and in Aboriginal camps to find youth and children and bring them to church. We feed them, share scriptures, pray for them and drop them back home. These are very tough children; it's difficult to control them but we are determined to see change in their lives.

There are many good things we can do here to bring people to Christ, but we don't have the manpower so we are only doing what we can do and leaving the rest for God to do it in His own way. Please pray for God to send in more workers to this part of the world.

We take this time to thank everyone of you for your ongoing support.

Pr Jeremiah Madimadi

FEBRUARY & MARCH MISSIONARY REPORT

I arrived in Papua New Guinea (PNG) on Tuesday 21st February and have been here for almost six weeks now. It was a very emotional time at Adelaide airport saying goodbye to friends and family. I'm not sure if any of us anticipated how emotional we would feel. Thank you to everyone who came and said goodbye at the airport. It meant a lot to me.

I have visited PNG multiple times before, but it is very different living here. It took a while for the fact that I'm living here now to sink in; I'm not on a short term trip anymore, I actually live here. It still hasn't fully sunk in but it is starting to feel a lot more real the last couple of weeks. A lot has happened since I arrived, both good and sad.

The unexpected passing of late Pr Elijah Umeume was very sad and sudden. He passed away one and a half weeks after I arrived at Bethel Centre. I was able to talk with him multiple times upon my arrival and was very shocked when he unexpectedly went to be with the Lord. The week following his passing was full of house cries, fellowship and more. A very sad and busy time for all of us here at Bethel Centre.

It was extremely evident that Pr Elijah touched the lives of many people, not just from within PNG, but also from other

nations. I remember fond conversations with Pr Elijah about his time in Tennant Creek. What a blessing to our family at TCCFC that Pr Elijah was able to spend some months ministering there and doing life with them in 2020.

One of the highlights of my time here so far has been seeing old friends and making new ones. It is different living on a property with many other people. I am living in a house with four other ladies - two Papua New Guineans and two Filipinos. However, these are not the only people I am living with. When I walk out of my house I am greeted by many other people. As I walk around the property I have opportunities to stop and talk with others who are also walking around. There are always people to talk to. I really enjoy this aspect of life here at Bethel.

I struggled to settle in a bit in my first few weeks - much more than I anticipated before coming here as a missionary. I have felt homesick at times and I have been presented with a few different challenges that I wasn't sure how to deal with but I am slowly starting to see how God can use them to strengthen me and mould me. I am feeling a bit more settled now and am starting to get into the swing of things.

I spend most of my days working out of the Bethel Finance Office. While I am here I am continuing my finance work with CRC Missions and some of my work for ACC. I enjoy working in the office with two other ladies - Mary and Kila.

My main purpose in coming to PNG was to assist in the Sunday school - organising curriculum, changing the structure, training teachers, preparing

lessons and so on. Sunday school didn't start until a few weeks after I arrived. I spent the two weeks it has run so far observing and helping out where I can.

I am yet to step into my role fully but I am hoping to have the opportunity to do so soon. I am very passionate about children's ministry and am excited to see how God will use me to be a blessing to children in this nation. Please pray for the children's ministry here at Bethel Tabernacle of Praise (BTOP) and for wisdom and guidance for me to outwork the role I was sent here to fulfil.

Since I arrived I have attended two graduations - one for World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS) and the other for Bethel Preschool Teachers Training Course (BPTTC). I really enjoyed both graduations.

Last year in April I had an opportunity to teach Bible study techniques to the WMFTS students. I enjoyed my time with them and was pleased to see them graduate. Some of them are continuing their studies this year with Bethel Bible College, some are joining the staff here at Bethel Centre and others have returned home or pursued further study outside.

Last year in November I spent two weeks teaching English to the BPTTC students. I worked closely with them and had a chance to get to know them a bit more deeply than other students at Bethel Centre. I really enjoyed my time with them and have loved seeing most of them again upon my return here this year.

I had an opportunity to join them in their

final gathering before they graduated. We went to the Adventure Park just outside Port Moresby on the Friday before their graduation on Sunday 26th March. We ate lots of yummy food, the students and the staff had a time of gift giving, and some of us even enjoyed a spontaneous time on the waterslides! It was a very fun day and I am honoured to have been included.

Two of the BPTTC graduates will continue on as staff members of Bethel Centre, working in preschools. The others have returned to their homes to work in other preschools. The next intake of students will be arriving at the beginning of April and their course will begin after Easter.

Although I came here to assist in the Sunday school, I will also have a part to play in BPTTC. I am continuing my English class this year and will be lecturing towards the end of April. I will also have a couple of other subjects to teach throughout the year. I am very excited to meet the new students. I am also excited about teaching them - I am very passionate about teaching.

I am looking forward to our upcoming Easter convention that will be taking place at BTOP. A team from Adelaide will be arriving shortly and I am extremely excited to see everyone. At the time of writing this report, my mum has already arrived in PNG ahead of the team. It was very special seeing her again and I am enjoying my time with her.

Thank you very much for all of your prayers and support.

Many blessings,
Mikaela Groom

ONLINE PRESENCE

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GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our website: www.newlifeonline.org.au/giving/. Press the 'Online Giving' button under the 'Giving' heading.

Option Two: Bank Transfer

Deposit your funds into the general account and in the reference section please specify if your funds are for tithes, missions or whatever else.

GENERAL Account Name: New Life Christian Centre

BSB: 035-053

Account Number: 127 021

OTHER CHURCH LOCATIONS

Adelaide Christian Centre

Address: 33 Sturt Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Web: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au

Service Times: 10:00am and 5:30pm

Tennant Creek Christian Family Church

Address: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, NT 0860

Web: www.tccf.com.au

Service Times: 10:00am and 6:30pm

Faith Center Church

Address: 115 Worley Lane, Walhalla SC 29691, United States

Facebook: www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla

Service Time: 10:00am