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CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Celebrating 60 years!

CONNECT

DECEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have our Carols on the Lawns coming up next month. Please look inside for information on all of our upcoming events.

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60TH CELEBRATION

Our 60th Anniversary Celebration was a huge success! Photos from the night can be found inside this edition of Connect!

See photos on page 5

TENNANT CREEK

The Madimadi family are now settling into life in Tennant Creek. Pr Jeremiah has written a report about their time so far.

Report on pages 6-7

WELCOME TO NLCC

I am very much looking forward to our December Christmas events (details on the following pages). These celebrations provide an excellent opportunity to invite family and friends to hear about Jesus.

Christmas time presents a wonderful opportunity to talk to people about Jesus. Let's do all we can to seek out people to speak to about his amazing love for us.

Well, it's been a fantastic year for NLCC as part of ACC. We love being part of what God is doing through ACC churches, ministries and world missions. We appreciate the kind service many in ACC have provided this year for the folk here at Christies. Thank you Pr Mike and the ACC congregation.

We enjoyed a wonderful 60th celebration and launched our building extension project which will provide more space, inside toilets, and kitchen/café. This will enhance community life and create a better space for ministry and mission.

This is my 24th year pastoring here and I am so thankful to have served with so many wonderful people. I look forward to the journey ahead and what God will do in and through us, especially as we outwork the vision of ACC and our movement CRC Churches International.

Thanks to all who volunteer in many ways. We are a great team God has raised up. For such a time as this! All glory to HIM.

God bless, **Pr Greg Crome**

MINISTRIES PRAYER

Launch Youth: In recess during the Christmas and New Year period.

Youth and Children (CYC) Sundays: we have a great team who serve our children and young people 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

- The overall situation in Sri Lanka is still in desperate need of prayer. Please pray for the country as a whole that their economy and other systems will return to a sense of normalcy. Please pray for our staff and children in the children's home, as well as our pastors and churches.
- Please pray for a continued smooth transition into life in Tennant Creek for Pr Jeremiah, Delia and Nellie Winnie Madimadi.

Church Prayer Requests

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



UPCOMING MINISTRY Sunday Morning Services

Sunday 4th December
Pr Gregg and Tess Manego
Sunday 11th December
Pr Mike and Kelly Groom
Sunday 25th December
Christmas Service (9-10am)

WHOLE CHURCH PRAYER Every Sunday

Whole church prayer before our Sunday morning services from 9:15am to 9:45am in the main hall. We are having a season of church wide prayer to pray for the nation and the lost, as well as families, world missions and ACC ministries.

PR GREG IN INDIA Tues 29th November - Tues 6th December

Pr Greg will be in India to be part of the EITI graduation in Imphal, Manipur on the weekend of 3rd/4th December. It is a great blessing to be partnering with these wonderful people to train and equip people for ministry. Please pray for this.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE Sunday 18th December

Join us for our Christmas Family Service at 10am. The service will be followed by morning tea. Invite your family and friends for this outstanding celebration of Jesus birth. Wonderful musical items and youth and children involved as well.

carols on the lawn

OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER AT 6:30PM

Free dinner and entertainment for the whole family at New Life Christian Centre (105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach).

We will be having an outdoor meal and an evening of music and singing with carols and more.

Bruce Walker and a mix of wonderful talent from ACC and NLCC will be leading the night. Bring your friends and family.

papua new guinea



EASTER MISSONS TRIP

SUNDAY 2 APRIL - TUESDAY 11 APRIL

Calling our CMD team, production members and anyone else who is interested in going to Papua New Guinea.

Worship, outreach and open airs will fill the Easter weekend - from Thursday night until Monday lunch time.

The approximate cost of the entire trip without any fundraising will be about \$1,600 per person. This price will decrease with fundraising.

We will be holding an information session in December for those who are interested in coming on the trip. Please talk to Pr Mike for further information on the trip.

TENNANT CREEK

PR JEREMIAH MADIMADI

Greetings from us in Tennant Creek. Thank you for praying for God's work here. We want to thank those who have made time to call, message and visit us to give us words of encouragement and support. All of this mean a lot to us.

We feel that we have settled in already so we are focusing on ministry and the affairs of the church. God is doing wonderful things here in Tennant Creek. I truly believe if God can provide water and food for the Israelites in the wilderness and in the remote Sinai desert, He is able to pour out his spiritual water and food for the spiritually hungry and thirsty souls here in Tennant Creek.

So far, we have witnessed seven people give their lives to the Lord and a demon possessed young girl get delivered. Please join us in praying for these new converts and for more young men and women to turn to the Lord.

On Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm we have Bible study and prayer. We have 10 to 15 people attending this program. We have been studying the topic 'The Word of God' for a few Tuesdays now and people seem to be enjoying it.

On Wednesday evenings we were doing outreach at the Aboriginal camps but this program has paused as I am not able to drive at the moment. Please pray for me to get my driver's license soon so I can go to the camps for outreach.

On Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm we hold a ladies meeting. Our ladies are having great fun as they sit around and share scriptures and testimonies to encourage each other.

On Friday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm we hold our youth night. About 15 to 20 teenagers and children come to our youth nights. Some of them are very small but we take them in and care for them. Our aim is to touch as many young people as we can with the gospel. Please pray that God will give us some creative ways to reach them. Pray for sister Ebony (our youth leader) who does a fantastic job organising our youth programs.

I was not able to pick anyone up for one of our youth nights in November so Delia and I decided to sit at church and see who might come. At 6:30pm 10 children made their own way to church and asked if youth was on. We decided to make them some food. While they were eating they said they wanted to change their lives and asked me to pray. I prayed and five of the older ones said the sinners prayer and gave their lives to the Lord. I gave them Bibles, some more food and sent them home. It was special seeing these kids praying to God for change.

After the closing prayer one Sunday evening, a man walked to the front and told me he wanted to give his life to God. I lead him to the Lord as his wife and others stood beside and witnessed.

Let us rise together in prayer and believe for God to move in a fresh and mighty way in our church and sweep through the township of Tennant Creek. Let us cry out and ask God to heal our land and set people free from evil (2 Chronicles 7:14).





HUGHES UPDATE

PR WARWICK HUGHES

On the first weekend of November we had our men's breakfast in Faith Center Church's dining hall. It was great! Nathan Wright made scrambled eggs, I prepared the bacon and hash browns, and some of the guys brought along some other goodies. We had a blessed time of fellowship. No one seemed to be in a hurry to go anywhere. It was great to have some of our young teenagers in attendance.

A few weeks after our men's meeting, the ladies decided they would have their own meeting in the dining hall. They had a time of thanksgiving and appreciation on a Friday morning. Omega said they had an awesome time.

During the second week of November I finished teaching a subject to students in Ghana by Zoom. I have been doing this on Monday mornings. It has been a blessing and an honour for me to be teaching. My thanks and appreciation to Pr Barry Silverback for asking me to teach in this school.

Our Wednesday night Missions Prayer and Bible Study has been going well and we concluded for the year on Wednesday 30th November for Christmas and New Year. We will recommence our Wednesday night program in January. We have been learning a lot and have also enjoyed some great fellowship along with praying and studying.

Our children's church has been doing well. Mandy Wright is doing a great job with the help of our teenagers. It is so good to see the young ones learning and growing in Jesus.

We had a miracle happen on Sunday 20th November at church. A lady who is the niece of one of our older congregation members walked into church and sat down next to him. She listened to the message preached by our guest speaker. He gave an altar call for people to recommit their lives to Jesus. This lady put up her hand and said the prayer of recommitment. Praise God. She also said she will be coming back and will bring her mother who used to come here many years ago. Glory to God for all He is doing in His time.

We had our Missions Fundraiser Yard Sale on Saturday 19th November. We sold second hand used items that people

gave us. Despite the cold we raised USD\$136 for missions. We had congregation members Michael Mizell and Charlene Baker helping us sell the goods. Larry Lothar bought us a breakfast treat and Kathleen Arisman and Vilmarie Wright gave us moral support.

I have been enjoying preaching to elderly people in an old people's home every second Friday a month.

I have also been going with a group of friends to a Christian rehabilitation place for drug and alcohol addicts. I have had two opportunities to preach and a number of opportunities to minister one on one. This has been almost every month since I started going with the group for the last four months.

One Saturday our family travelled to Spartanburg where I was invited to preach. After my sermon I gave an altar call and many came for prayer. Later at lunch with the pastor told me they hadn't been having altar calls in church since the pandemic began because people have been too scared to be close to one another. After my altar call the pastor said that they knew they needed to get back into doing altar calls. Amazing! I was ignorant of what was happening in that church but God knew. Glory to God.

We are all in good health and are doing well. I had a birthday in November. It was great that it fell on our day off. Jethro and Young Warwick continue to do their school online which continues to be a challenge for all of us. Please continue to pray for the boys' schooling.

It is a blessing to have the boys helping in the sound booth at the church Sunday services.

We had some great fun and family time travelling to Spartanburg and overnighting in a motel. It is much colder now so we are not getting out as much to do some fun things.

The boys and I went and helped a friend with a small project he needed help with for his mother. We lifted up a wooden walkway off the concrete area and put it on some plastic stands to keep it out of the water. We replaced some of the wooden decking.

Our friend reminded us that last time we went there we prayed for the Arthritis in his hands. He then showed me how his hands are now healing up after praying. Glory to God.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support. It is much appreciated.



PNG TRIP REPORT

MIKAELA GROOM

In November mum, dad and I travelled to PNG. It was great to be back!

Upon our arrival, we received a warm welcome from our staff and students at Bethel Centre and enjoyed some refreshments as we caught up with everyone. We arrived on a Friday so after settling in and resting for a bit, we drove down to the church to attend the youth program. Dad shared during the event.

On the first Sunday during our trip we attended the graduation for Fronteir Evangelism Institute and Bethel Bible School. Dad spoke during the graduation and handed out the certificates to the graduates with mum. The service also included the ordinations of pastors Judah Wesley and Kone Buri. The service was followed by a big fellowship lunch for all in attendance. What a great celebration it was.

On Wednesday night, Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Sunday night mum and dad conducted a marriage seminar for people in the church. They spoke on a range of topics surrounding marriage and parenting. It was a great seminar and I believe it was a blessing to all who made the effort to attend.

Mum and dad's trip was full of meetings, dinners and all sorts of catch ups. It was a very enjoyable time. They left PNG the following Monday and I stayed on for an extra week.

My main purpose going on this trip was to teach English to our preschool teachers in training. This two week subject is part of their overall course. I did the same thing back in 2019 prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I absolutely love teaching and had a fantastic time with the students. We went through a variety of different grammar items and had a lot of fun completing different activities and learning together. I am very proud of the students and all that they managed to achieve during my short period of teaching.

I particularly enjoyed my time outside the classroom, spending time with the students during our fellowship dinner at Ela Beach and around the property as we sat and told all kinds of stories. They are a great group and I believe they will do well in their futures as preschool teachers.

When I wasn't with the preschool students I was attending programs with mum and dad and spending time with different people on the Bethel Centre property. It was so good seeing everyone again and catching up with them all

I enjoyed my little adventures outside the property - dinners, trips to Vision City, walks along the beach and so on. There's just something about PNG that captures my heart and fills me with joy.

I will be heading back in January for a 12 month commitment. My main role will be assisting in the Sunday school. I have been asked to train teachers, help with curriculum development and assist in the overall structure of the Sunday school. I am very excited for all that lies ahead!

ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.au

YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBgg4l1yAy_YQQ5c17STow

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NewLifeChristies/

Instagram: [@new.life.christian.centre](https://www.instagram.com/new.life.christian.centre)

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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: <https://www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla>

Service Time: 10:00am