



# CONNECT

JULY 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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## MISSIONARY UPDATE

Mikaela Groom has written another report from her time in Papua New Guinea. Have a look inside to see what she has to say.

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## VAKACEGU FAMILY

The Vakacegu family are missionaries from Fiji serving in Papua New Guinea. Viema has written an update of their family.

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# WELCOME TO NLCC

Welcome to NLCC.

It's begun! Our building extension project is underway with demolition of part of the main building. It's exciting to see the work now progressing. In the meantime, our congregation will be meeting in the back hall.

We are looking forward to our services and church life through July with a special men's and women's breakfast at the end of the month – a great opportunity to invite family and friends.

I am looking forward to being with the Tennant Creek church in the beginning of July. It's so good to be involved in supporting the Madimadi family and the church there.

I have been studying what the Bible says about holiness and sanctification.

‘But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”’ (1 Peter 1:16)

Any discussion about holiness must begin with God. He is Holy! He is separate from His creation and completely pure morally. All that He is and all that He does is holy.

We must try to see the sublime holiness of God and how opposite He is to fallen unholy humanity. And we, as God's redeemed people, are called by God to be holy. Our holiness means we are set apart from sin and set apart for God and His purposes.

In one sense we are already made holy in Christ. In the New Testament we are called saints (sanctified ones), those who are set apart for God. And in another sense we are 'being' sanctified – made holy. In light of this, knowing that we are already made holy, we are to give ourselves to a life that is holy. One which is God honouring and emulates the very character and nature of Christ.

The result of living a set apart life is wholeness, freedom in Christ, fruitfulness, and a wonderful relationship with the Lord. Not only so, but we fulfill God's purpose of being a light to all the people who come to know us and who see our example. To this we are called! This will point them to God!

Many blessings and have a blessed July.

**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/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/).

**Wednesday Night Connect Group:** In recess. 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 Benjamin and Asinate Wari as they prepare to relocate to Vanuatu as missionaries from Papua New Guinea. Pray that their visas will be processed quickly so they can go to Vanuatu this month.
- Pray for Mikaela Groom as she continues in her missionary life at Bethel Centre in Papua New Guinea. Pray for the changes taking place in the children's ministry and for the team she is running it with.

## 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 church office 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.

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Our special men's and women's breakfast will be held at church from 7:30-9:00am. This will be a great time of fellowship and ministry over a hearty winter breakfast. Please let Pr Greg know if you will attend. Please invite your friends and family!



# MISSIONARY UPDATE

I began the month of June back home in Adelaide. I was there for two weeks to attend my sister's wedding. I had a great time with friends and family.

While I was in Adelaide, I had a few opportunities to share about my new life in Papua New Guinea (PNG). During my first week we held a leaders' night at Adelaide Christian Centre. I was given a chance to share about my experiences and what I am doing in PNG. I also had the chance to share briefly to the church during our morning and evening service on the first Sunday I was in Adelaide. It was great to see everyone again and to share what I have been up to.

After sharing in the morning service, I went up to the Sunday school room and shared my experiences with them. I have missed all our Sunday school children back at home while I've been in PNG. It was awesome seeing them all again and I enjoyed talking to them about PNG and my life as a missionary.

While I was in Adelaide, I spent a fair amount of time preparing for Sunday school back in PNG. I continued with my organisation of the new curriculum, lesson plans and other resources, and tried to print as much as I could before returning to PNG. I didn't finish as much as I hoped, but I still got a lot done.

The final two weeks of June were spent lecturing full time. I ran English classes for our students who are studying Bethel's Preschool Teacher Training Course. We

covered sounds in English, tenses in English and various other grammar items.

This was my third time teaching this course and I enjoyed it. I am passionate about teaching, and I loved being in the classroom once again. We had fun and I believe the students learnt a lot and enjoyed our classes, especially the lollies I used to 'encourage' them to participate.

During this time, I was also lecturing students in Bethel Bible School on Monday and Thursday nights. I spent four nights teaching on public speaking. I hadn't taught that subject before and it took me longer to prepare than I anticipated. I enjoyed myself though and learnt a lot from the research I did in preparation for my lectures.

One of the highlights of my time lecturing Bethel Bible School students was I got to spend time with members of the church congregation. Students under this course are not full-time, live-in students like most of the other training courses offered here at Bethel Centre. Many of the students are from the church and it was a good opportunity for me to be able to become more familiar with them. I enjoyed ministering to them and talking with them.

In addition to lecturing in these two courses, when I returned to PNG, we began our new curriculum in the Sunday school. The final two Sundays in June covered our first two lessons. The children have responded well so far, and I believe God has great things planned for the future of the Sunday school.

Many blessings,  
**Mikaela Groom**

# VAKACEGU FAMILY

Greetings to you all from Bethel Centre in Papua New Guinea (PNG). This year has been a great year so far with so many wonderful events taking place and the great things we have been experiencing whilst serving here in Port Moresby. This is our fourth year serving as missionaries. We are loving our time here carrying out our daily work and responsibilities as a family.

God has always been good and faithful in and we greatly appreciate everyone for your love, prayer and support. We continually thank our good Father for never leaving our side. We have seen His provision, protection, and blessings in trying times and we will continually and boldly declare that because Jesus lives, we can face every new day filled with His grace and loving kindness.

Ilisoni is involved in Bethel Bible School that runs from 6:00-8:30pm every Monday and Thursday. Bethel Bible School is a part-time course offered to those who cannot attend the full-time courses here at Bethel. There are two course levels available (course 1 and 2).

This year Ilisoni organised a Zoom meeting with Pr Barry Silverback to have a teaching session with the students. Pr Bill Vasilakis also had an opportunity to run a few nights of teaching with the students during his visit to PNG in May.

Ilisoni is also helping Pr Paul Stanley with transport for people living at Bethel Centre and the daily work here.

I am involved in our Preschool Teacher Training Course. It is such a joy to teach and train young people from around PNG and overseas, who have a heart for children. I am passionate about the call of God in my life to train teachers who will go back to their communities, villages, provinces and countries to educate the younger generation.

This year we have five students enrolled in the course. They are all from different provinces around PNG.

Our children, Alisi (14) and Ilisoni Stuart (12) are both doing well in their studies and are showing great results in their school work. Alisi took part in the book week poem competition and was awarded the best poem presenter in the secondary school category at Sunrise Bethel Christian School. Overall, both of them are doing well and are in great health.

In May we took part in the missions sale fiesta at church. We helped out in doing sales for our children's ministry stall. It was such a great opportunity to be part of global missions. We also took part in various other church activities and ministries.

We really have enjoyed every part of our service here in Port Moresby and are looking forward to many great things ahead.

Thank you for all your support and prayers that have truly enabled us to carry out our responsibilities with great passion and enthusiasm trusting in God at all times.

Many blessings,  
**Viema Vakacegu**



## ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: [www.newlifeonline.org.au](http://www.newlifeonline.org.au)

YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBgg4l1yAy\\_YQQ5c17STow](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBgg4l1yAy_YQQ5c17STow)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/NewLifeChristies/](http://www.facebook.com/NewLifeChristies/)

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

## CONTACT DETAILS

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

## GIVING DETAILS

### Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our website: [www.newlifeonline.org.au/giving/](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla)

Service Time: 10:00am