



CONNECT

MAY 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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TENNANT CREEK

Pr Gregg and Tess Mañego recently travelled to Tennant Creek. They have written a report for this edition of Connect.

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PNG TRIP REPORTS

Our team of 20 people travelled to Papua New Guinea in April. Have a look inside for some team testimonies.

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WELCOME TO NLCC

Greetings and welcome to NLCC!

I have been loving the Autumn weather here! There is so much to be thankful for even when things are tough. Thanksgiving is not only the right way to honour God but it is so good for our hearts and minds.

I had been counselling a man who, when asked to name something he could be thankful for, he said nothing. Over coming weeks this changed as I challenged him to think more deeply. It really did change the way he thought about life and helped to lift depression. Praise the Lord!

If you are absorbed with all the troubles of life, practice the art of giving thanks to

God for everything you can think of to be thankful for.

This shows that it is not just what happens to us but what happens inside of us that determines the quality of our lives.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says: 'Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.'

I am looking forward to church life and mission this month.

Look inside this version of Connect for all the goods.

Blessings
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 Benjamin and Asinate Wari as they prepare to relocate to Vanuatu as missionaries from Papua New Guinea. Pray that the final preparations for their visa and medicals go smoothly.
- Pray for Mikaela Groom as she continues in her missionary life at Bethel Centre in Papua New Guinea. Pray that her involvement in the children's ministry will be a blessing and that she will settle in smoothly.

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.

MEN'S BOWLING NIGHT Friday 5th May

We will be holding a men's gathering at Noarlunga Bowl this month! Our event will begin at 7:00pm. Please feel free to invite your mates as we join together for a time of fun, friendly competition and fellowship.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA Tuesday 23rd May

You are invited to our Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser we are holding at Espy Bakehouse from 10:00am to 11:30am. Buy your own coffee and nibbles and bring money for the fundraising box. We are raising money for cancer research.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 27th May

Our next men's breakfast will be happening at the end of this month! Meet at NLCC from 7:30am to 9:00am. Please bring a \$6 donation. Pr Neil Milne will be speaking. Great mates, great food, great word. Invite your mates along.



Miriam (Indigenous couple) and have a bit of fellowship with them over a meal.

Sunday was the highlight of our trip with around 30 people who came, majority of whom were Indigenous. We had a great morning service. Tess shared during communion and I shared the message. Again, in the evening service, there were over 30 people in attendance. Tess and I shared the pulpit and towards the end of my message, we allocated a good time to pray for people. There about five people who gave their heart to Jesus!

We left Tennant Creek on Monday with so much to thank God for and the wonderful opportunity given to us to have this memorable experience. We stayed in Alice Springs overnight and caught an early morning flight back to Adelaide.

I remember hearing Pr Barry say, "Tell me and I may forget, show me and I may remember, involve me and I will understand."

We've heard so much about our work in Tennant Creek and the things that are happening there, but the only way to truly understand the place and the people is to go there and experience it first hand.

Our recent trip taught us to be appreciative of life and to have an ongoing concern for our ministry and the work in Tennant Creek. It is an experience of a lifetime that we would want to do again, given the opportunity.

Thank you so much for your prayer and support.

Pr Gregg Mañego

We also went to Lake Mary Ann to breathe some fresh air and see this beautiful part of Tennant Creek. Pr Jeremiah also drove us to the three different camps later in the afternoon. People were everywhere and even kids were on the streets in groups just roaming aimlessly. Government housing where these people live are run down and need some TLC. We really sensed that need for people to hear the gospel.

Saturday was our prep day for the Sunday morning and evening services, but in the evening we set a time for an immigration info session and to meet some of the Filipino folk and a Sudanese guy who had some queries with their visas. The event was also attended by the key leaders of TCCFC. It was good to see Richard and Gay and also Andrew and

TENNANT CREEK TRIP ARTICLE

Tess and I had a wonderful time in Tennant Creek. Thank you church and to the ACC Elders for the wonderful opportunity of us visiting the Tennant Creek Christian Family Church (TCCFC). It was Tess' first trip there and she had the time of her life!

Although we knew our schedule prior to going, we still didn't know what to expect. We left early morning on Thursday and arrived in Alice Springs mid-morning that day. After organising

our car, we did some food shopping for the week before heading to Tennant Creek. Thanks to Pr Mike who suggested we stop for petrol at Ti Tree which is 300km away from our destination and the only petrol station between Alice Springs and Tennant Creek!

We were warmly welcomed by the Madimadis and what a catch up we had since we last saw them in March this year. It was also a wonderful time ministering at the women's meeting that night with the Indigenous ladies at church.

On Friday, we had a good time of fellowship and a solid time of sharing with Pr Jeremiah and Delia. We were told that our visit was timely and being encouraged by God's Word was exactly what they needed.



PNG TRIP REPORTS

Below are some testimonies from a few people who went to PNG over Easter.

Bruce Walker

Lots of good memories.

Kelly Groom

Our time in PNG was amazing. It was so nice being with everyone at Bethel and I especially loved seeing Mikaela again.

It was great to run a children's program, with a theme of being 'Better Together'. We played lots of games, shared Bible stories and enjoyed various memory verse activities. The children were awesome. We had a lot of fun together.

Bethel is an amazing place. Their heart of worship, their passion for God and their heart for missions continues to inspire many. It was very refreshing being with everyone again. Can't wait to go back.

Zoe Groom

This year's trip to PNG was one that I can confidently say changed my life! I am so inspired by the way that God is moving through the Bethel church and am even more encouraged by the reminder that God is truly working all around the world.

Visiting the schools was also a major highlight for me. I loved spending time with the wonderful staff and the students there. I would definitely recommend anyone who is considering going to a missions trip to spend some time in PNG.





Joel Groom

I've been to different countries on missions trips but PNG was very special for me. The worship is something I've never experienced and the place felt like home. I definitely miss the place and the people and I can't wait to go back.



Vien Cajipe

I loved going to PNG and being able to spend time with everyone. I loved being a part of the children's ministry and the worship ministry. Their worship is so enthusiastic and this trip has been a massive encouragement. I've been so blessed and I hope to be back soon!

Rebekah Manih

This trip to PNG marked my first time overseas, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I really enjoyed how the worship was so wholehearted and enthusiastic, as well as how loving and kind the entire community at Bethel Centre were. The children and adults were so hospitable, making us feel cared for and safe.



I felt most challenged when it came to the humid weather, so when it flooded I quickly saw the upside. When comparing PNG to Australia there was a massive difference in community and way of life, but I believe for the better. During this experience I became increasingly aware of how the family of God is everywhere. No matter where we go in the world, we will always have brothers and sisters.



It was such an amazing opportunity, one I've been waiting for all my life. I encourage anyone who has a heart to serve God and the opportunity, GO, you won't regret it.



Eleasha Andrews

Going over to PNG I didn't have many expectations. I've never been on a trip like this before so it didn't really hit me till the first day. When we arrived I was in shock, it was nothing like I ever imagined. The way they welcomed us with music and food I couldn't prepare myself for.



The first day I struggled a bit; I was feeling tired and didn't know how I was going to survive the next week and what my place was. Once we started to settle in a bit, and got into a routine I really started to be in amazement of what I was surrounded by. I started to make friends and connections with all these new people and truly felt like I was at home.



During the Easter weekend the services were incredible and so full of energy. They got us all dancing and singing, trying to follow the moves of the tambourine girls. After one service I got pulled into a photo with a group of girls who I didn't know and when I turned around their were around 10 kids just staring and smiling. I asked if they wanted a photo and they all started cheering. We walked over to the stage and took this photo. There were way more then 15 kids that ended up in this photo and it was so weird thinking they were all in it for me.



Pr Mike asked our team to go forward and pray for people in one service. I've never done anything like that; I tend to always be the one receiving prayer. Watching how my word affected this young girl who I prayed over and how God worked through me to get to her was incredible. This trip really taught me to appreciate the simple things in life and to appreciate everything God does.

ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.au

YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBgg411yAy_YQQ5c17STow

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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