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WARI UPDATE

Benjamin and Asinate are serving as missionaries on the island of Espiritu Santo in Vanuatu. They have prepared an update!

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WALHALLA REPORTS

Pr Mike, Kelly and Shekinah recently travelled to Walhalla, South Carolina. Read about their trip inside this edition.

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MIKAELA UPDATE

Mikaela Groom is serving as a missionary in Papua New Guinea. She has written an update for the month of October.

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WELCOME TO NLCC

We are very much looking forward to church life in the coming month and on into December. Now we are preparing for our Christmas celebrations and outreach with our Carols on the Lawn (Friday 8th December) and Christmas Family Service (Sunday 17th December). These present a great opportunity to invite family and friends, neighbours and colleagues, to hear about Jesus.

At the end of November we celebrate our volunteers. This is a wonderful time of rejoicing in our service for the Lord and praying for effectiveness as a local church.

Our building project is on track and taking good shape. Thank you for your ongoing prayers. If you would like to give

towards the building project please see the giving details on the back page of this Connect News and attach the following reference your offering - 'NLCC Building Project'.

I praise God for the wonderful people in our congregation and together we are continuing to outwork the ACC Vision and strategic plan. Serving together is such a joy.

Ephesians 4:16 says, 'He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.'

Many blessings,
Pr Greg Crome

MINISTRIES PRAYER

Launch Youth: Launch Youth is back for our final term of 2023. See online for term four plan.

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: 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

- Please pray for Benjamin and Asinate Wari as they are now in Vanuatu. Pray that they continue to settle in smoothly and for doors to open in their ministry.
- Please pray for Mikaela Groom as she continues her missionary service in Papua New Guinea. Please pray for her involvement in Bethel Sunday School that the changes taking place will be a real blessing to our Bethel Tabernacle of Praise church.

Church Prayer Requests

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST Brief October Report

In October we enjoyed a great men's breakfast with our guest speaker Neville Peters. Men's breakfasts are always a great time for fellowship, ministry and great food. We are looking forward to future events!



NEW ARRIVALS DINNER Saturday 25th November

ACC are in need of volunteers for their next New Arrivals Dinner. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office or talk to Pr Greg. There are a range of jobs so there should be something to suit everyone!



VOLUNTEER SUNDAY Sunday 26th November

We are celebrating our volunteers! There are currently openings for ushering, café bar, Sunday night meal, sound desk, pastoral visitation team and cooking meals for families in need. Please see pastor Greg for more info.



CAROLS ON THE LAWN Friday 8th December

All are welcome to join our annual Carols on the Lawn event. The event will start at 6:30pm at NLCC. We will have a special guest artist, Israel Trevor Sibia, joining us for the night. A free BBQ will be provided, as well as entertainment for all!



BENJAMIN AND ASINATE WARI UPDATE

Benjamin and Asinate are based near Luganville on the island of Espiritu Santo in Vanuatu. Benjamin is from Papua New Guinea and Asinate is from Fiji.

They are currently serving as missionaries in Vanuatu and our four churches are their major supporters. They are doing a fantastic job and we look forward to including more of their reports in future editions of Connect News.

Benjamin and Asinate recently began a play school for young children. The play school has been going very well and the community has shown great support.

The children range between the ages of one and three and the play school runs from Monday to Friday each week.

REPORTS FROM THE WARIS

My husband and I recently went into town to get some more toys for the children because the kids keep fighting over the toys.

I have been talking with the parents of the kids that attend the play school and we decided that on Monday 27th November we will be going for a picnic with all the children.

Our close up date is on Thursday 30th November. We will be having lunch together with all the parents and students during the close up.

I came up with a program for Brother Willy to be our guest speaker and Benjamin to be the MC. We are planning to buy toys to present to the kids on the closing day.

This is just a brief report of what has been happening and what is going to happen in the coming weeks.

Blessings,
Asinate Wari

Towards the end of October we had a cyclone alert. It was a category 5 cyclone that just passed us and hit the outer islands to our left and hit another Island in front of us.

Praise God for all of your prayers. We only experienced strong wind and heavy rain. Other than that we are all okay and haven't experienced any damage from the wind and rain.

One Sunday in October, my wife and I were invited to help at a church called Hope Ministries which is pastored by a man named Pr Ron. Pr Ron who is married to a Fijian lady. Asinate was asked to show the mothers some Fijian ways of cooking on the Saturday.

Mothers from around our area came and it was fun to see so much laughter and enjoyment. It was also nice to see that our work together with these mothers here was encouraging.

On the Sunday evening I was asked to preach at their night crusade. During the crusade I spoke about guarding our hearts from bad influences if we want to see a changed community. The response from my message was positive.

We had alot young boys and girls come out for prayer (about 33 of them). We also had four young man which I led them to give their hearts to Christ. About nine older women recommitted their lives back to Christ.

Just a testimony from Asinate which happened that Sunday during the night crusade. As I was making an alter call for the sick she came to me and asked if she could say something so I gave her the microphone. She began to move in

discernment. She began to speak of two things.

1. There's a woman that's trying to leave her husband and children and that she's actually packed her bags all ready to leave.
2. There's a young girl that tried to commit suicide and her younger sister stopped her.

Those two ladies came out for prayer and they were both touched by power of the Holy Spirit. Some of the women standing beside started to speak in tongues as my wife started laying hands on them.

We had a great move of God's Spirit and about four people with special needs came forth for prayer and my wife and I prayed for them.

I prayed for a man who had chest burnes and was having problem breathing. He is now back to diving and catching fish in the sea which we believe God has healed him.

We thank you all for all your prayers and we also continue to stand with you all in prayer as well.

Blessings,
Benjamin Wari

PR MIKE AND KELLY IN USA

On Thursday 19th October, Shekinah, Mike and I started the long journey to Walhalla in South Carolina, USA. It was wonderful to arrive at Faith Center after a few delays, cancelled flights, car hire issues and a flat tyre. But we made it! We had some wonderful conversations with people along the way. It's amazing the different ones that cross your path, especially in unexpected situations.

While we were in Walhalla, Pr Warwick and his family went on a long-overdue vacation. They had a great week away visiting Pigeon Forge, Charlotte and Greenville. Mike and I enjoyed sharing in the Sunday morning service. It was so nice seeing everyone again.

During the week we had appointments, visited some of the church folk and we also had some time in Greenwood, visiting Pr Rod and Carmen and their church family. Pr Rod is a trustee of Faith Center and several people from their church have spent time in Walhalla.

On the following Sunday, after Pr Warwick and Omega's return, Mike had some time with the leadership group at Faith Center, talking about vision, strategy and plans for the future.

We are very excited with what God has in store for Faith Center Church and it was a privilege to be there with everyone. If anyone feels like they would like to visit Walhalla, I encourage you to seriously plan for it. You will love it. It is a beautiful part of the world and the church family there is amazing.



ADVENTURES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Having the amazing opportunity to return to South Carolina during their fall season has been such a blessing. It was wonderful to be back in Walhalla and to see the church congregation again with all their warm greetings. While I was there, I spent most of my days catching up with Stephen as we went on dates in different areas around South Carolina and took day trips to different cities in Georgia and North Carolina. The season showed off such beauty of the amazing sceneries we visited. One of the highlights was the 'Pretty Place', a chapel in the mountains that overlooked sweeping views of forested hills. A must to add to anyone's travelling list.

The following Sunday, I visited Stephen's church, Grace Community Church, in Greenwood, a church that shares connections with Faith Center Church. It was lovely to be apart of their service and see Stephen serve their worship team on the drums. It was also lovely spending time with his family.

Spending just over a week in South Carolina has become such a highlight of mine, it was a peaceful and long week. I'm feeling so blessed to have created lots of memories and take in the beauty of the location. I'm thankful for the love I received from all the people I spent time with during this trip. I always look forward to returning back to South Carolina.

Shekinah Sagun





MIKAELA'S OCTOBER UPDATE

In October I had opportunities to lecture again which I was very happy about. The first students I taught were our preschool teachers in training. My lectures were held across three Tuesday mornings from 7:30-9:00am. I taught from the subject 'Dynamic Christian Foundations', and my specific topic was 'Christian Giving'. I really enjoy my time with our preschool teachers. I always welcome the opportunity to teach them.

The second group of students I taught were our Bethel Bible School (BBS) students. I taught our second year students earlier this year, but in October I was given the chance to teach our first year students. The topic I was given to lecture on was 'Praying with All Kinds of Prayer', and I taught it across two nights.

I enjoy teaching in BBS because I'm able to mix more closely with people from the church and other areas outside of Bethel Centre. My lectures were held at the new building at Bethel Centre, not the church this time. It was great as I was able to make use of the TV to incorporate some video teaching from Pr Rick Warren into my lectures. The students really enjoyed it and I'm keen to lecture again next year if the opportunity arises.

At the beginning of October, I was asked to join BBS during their counselling night. We were each assigned a student or two and we had to go through a list of

questions with them. The questions just surrounded their time in BBS and what they hope to do after graduation. I was allocated one young girl, and I really enjoyed my time. The two of us talked nonstop until our session was finished.

Bethel Sunday School is going well. Our preschool and primary aged group finished their lessons on TRUST in October and began their lessons on PRAYER. Our junior youth aged group continued on with their 'Defined' curriculum, which focuses on their identity in Christ. I constantly hear good reports from our head teachers for each age group which is very encouraging.

Chrioni began helping me out in Sunday school in October which I was very excited about. He has been joining us in the Pidgin service and he has been a great help. He will continue helping out in the Pidgin service.

An exciting event that took place at the end of October was Ben and Serah's wedding. Ben and Serah are both on staff here at Bethel Centre. Serah is one of the head teachers of our preschool age group in Sunday school, and she will be the head teacher of Bethel Christian Preschool Tokarara when it opens next year at the Bethel Centre property.

There is one more wedding in November and then Chrioni and I will be getting married in December. We are closing up the line-up of weddings for 2023.

Thank you very much for your ongoing prayers and support.

Mikaela Groom

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OTHER CHURCH LOCATIONS

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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