

CONNECT

APRIL 2024

SRI LANKA REPORT

Pr Mike Groom and his daughter Mikaela travelled to Sri Lanka at the end of February and into March to visit our ministries there.

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PNG TRIP

Pr Greg Crome went to Papua New Guinea in March to speak at a graduation for our missions and preschool students.

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VANUATU UPDATE

Benjamin and Asinate Wari are doing a fantastic job in Vanuatu! In March they began their church and preschool.

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WELCOME TO NLCC

I walk by faith! That is a great declaration, one that comes straight out of the Bible. We walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). I love the Amplified Bible version: for we walk by faith, not by sight [living our lives in a manner consistent with our confident belief in God's promises].

We can choose to adopt this confident belief in God's promises today. God gave us his exceeding great and precious promises (2 Peter 1:4) and is committed to fulfil every one of them. He requires that we lay hold of them by faith, and take God at His Word. The opposite is to choose not to believe them (unbelief).

....so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve

the purpose for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:11).

Let's stand solidly on the promises of God today. Promises to save, provide, heal, restore, deliver, fulfill his purpose in our lives, and a whole lot more.

Let's keep thinking about and praying for lost people and seek to share the love and gospel with them, and also to invite them to church services and events.

Jesus commands us to go into all the world. He's not talking about sightseeing. No, He commands us to tell people about Jesus and to make disciples. May God shift our hearts into that way of living and deepen our desire to see people saved.

Pr Greg Crome

MINISTRIES EVENTS

Launch Youth: Launch Youth is held every Friday night during the school term. It will be in recess during the Easter school holidays.

Youth and Children (CYC) Sundays: CYC is held on Sunday mornings during the school term. It will be in recess during the Easter school holidays.

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: Two Thursday nights a month at 7:00pm at the Odis' house (0452 634 630).

Men's Prayer

- All men are welcome to gather for a prayer meeting before our morning church services. These prayer meetings take place every Sunday from 8:30 - 9:00am.

Music Team Practice

- Our music team are encouraged to join us for practice on Thursday 11th April from 7:00pm at church

Ladies' Morning Tea

- All ladies are invited to come on out for a lively time together. The date is yet to be determined and we will announce it when it is decided. You are more than welcome to bring your friends.

Special Building Fund Offering

Our goal is \$180,000 | Offerings to date: \$69,0000
STILL TO RAISE: \$111,000

International Guest Service

Our service on **7 April** will have an international theme. Come dressed in national dress. An international lunch will follow - bring a dish to share.



SRI LANKA VISIT

On Wednesday 28th February I met dad in Singapore before travelling on to Sri Lanka. We arrived in Colombo just after 9:00pm and were picked up from the airport by Pr Somanathan, our national CRC leader in Sri Lanka. Instead of staying in Colombo overnight and making the journey to the children's homes the following day, we drove through the night and reached Valaichenai in the early hours of Thursday morning.

Sadly Chrioni wasn't able to make this trip with us as we are still waiting on all of his documents to come together so we can apply for a passport. Please keep this in your prayers as we are both planning to come to Adelaide for a visit in May.

It was so good to be back in Sri Lanka. We spent just under a week in Valaichanai visiting the staff and children in the homes. It was an encouraging time and we were able to plan a lot of things that we hope to achieve in the coming months and years. Our children's homes are a fantastic ministry and it is an honour to visit and assist in any way possible.

One of the major tasks we hope to achieve is the ongoing development of our farm property. A number of years ago, Adelaide Christian Centre raised money for the establishment of a coconut plantation on the farm. This is something we hope to begin in the coming months. While we were on the farm, dad and Pr Somanathan measured the land and estimated how many coconut trees will fit.





We also hope to construct a house behind the existing small shop structure that is located at the front of the property. This will eventually be used to house two of the young people who are too old to remain in the homes. One of them has already left and is living on the farm property. His sister will leave next year or the following year and will move into the house when it is completed. We have made a commitment to taking care of these siblings, and their younger sister, beyond their time in the homes.

In addition to providing housing, we are looking at beginning a small bakery and part of this new facility will be used for that. This will provide employment for these two siblings and will assist in raising money and food for the homes. Produce from the farm will be sold in the small shop along with the baked goods.



On Tuesday 5th March, we travelled to Vavuniya where our preschool is located. We arrived in the night, stayed overnight in a hotel and visited the preschool the following day. The preschool has been running for 10 years and our staff have remained very faithful. I was inspired by their commitment to the work.

We travelled to Colombo after visiting the preschool and spent our final couple of days there. We had a nice time with Pr Somanathan and his wife Patricia before it was time to travel home. We flew out of Colombo on Friday 8th March and parted ways at Singapore airport. Dad flew back to Adelaide and I made my way back to Papua New Guinea. We may or may not have both cried a bit after saying goodbye to one another.

Mikaela Geno

PAPUA NEW GUINEA TRIP

It was a great privilege to visit Bethel Christian Centre in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG) from Thursday 7th March until Monday 11th March. I was invited to be the guest speaker for the combined World Missions Faith Training School and Bethel Preschool Teacher Training College graduation that took place on Sunday 10th March.

Some of the highlights from my trip:

- Spending time with Pr John and Unuba Weimani. They are our longest serving missionaries in Vanuatu. They returned home to PNG last year.
- Teaching in various sessions over the weekend.
- Meeting people (staff and leaders) I had only connected with online.
- Fellowship with pastors, staff, students and families.
- The graduation was a joyous occasion and I was moved by the testimonies of how students' lives have been impacted by their training.
- Seeing the new training building which is now in full use for Bethel International Training College and will soon be used for the new preschool.

It was a joy to connect with the team at Bethel. It is a wonderful place. The worship, fellowship and ministry blessed me, as did the kindness and hospitality shown to me. I think I put on 2 kilos.

Keep praying for and investing into Bethel and all its wonderful ministries.

Pr Greg Crome



VANUATU UPDATE

Benjamin and Asinate Wari are doing a fantastic job in Vanuatu. Last year they began a playschool for some weeks where children from the area came to the property with their parents for various activities. Asinate ran teaching classes for the children and they also involved the families in a sports day, as well as a picnic by the beach.

This playschool paved the way for a preschool to begin on the property they are living on. Bethel Christian Preschool Banban began on Monday 6th March. Asinate has reported that she has seven faithful children attending the preschool.

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom were able to bring many supplies for the preschool with them when they visited Vanuatu in February. They also helped prepare the room for Asinate so it was ready to go for the launch of the preschool.

In addition to opening the preschool, the Waris have also started a church on their property. Their first service was held on Sunday 5th March. They have 13 people faithfully attending the church.

They are doing a fantastic job. It is so encouraging to see a young couple serving as missionaries in another nation. Their dedication to the Lord and their commitment to following His plan in their lives is very admirable and a great inspiration for other young people.

Continue to keep them in your prayers as they journey on in their new ministries.



ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.au

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

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NewLifeChristies/

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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