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MAY 2024

TRAINING UPDATE

Bethel International Training College has officially begun for the 2024/2025 academic year. Photos and a report are inside.

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PRESCHOOL OPENING

Bethel Christian Preschool Tokarara is located on our Bethel Centre property. Look inside for photos and an update.

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MISSIONARY REPORT

Mikaela Geno is keeping busy in PNG! An update of Bethel Sunday School and Mikaela's journey can be found inside.

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WELCOME TO NLCC

In May there are some special events, our Mother's Day Service, and Ladies' High Tea, as well as our combined Men's Breakfast. These events are great opportunities to invite family and friends.

In the Gospel of John we see a man, Andrew, who decided to follow Jesus and, went to find his brother. Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ"). Then Simon brought Simon to meet Jesus (John 1:41,42). Andrew had no idea that his brother would also follow Jesus and become the great Apostle Peter. A simple invitation and introduction to Jesus. Who knows where our invites could lead?

This month Brenda Webber will travel to Tennant Creek to help Pr Jeremiah and

Delia with their ministry there. It is very timely as their Friday night program has up to 40 children and youth attending, and other gatherings are increasing in number. Please keep Brenda, the Madimadi family and the church in your prayers over the coming weeks.

Our building project is progressing at pace now and we hope to occupy the facility mid-year, with an official opening on 21st September. Please see below for the Building Fund Offering details. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in relation to this. There have been unforeseen costs. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Many blessings,
Pr Greg Crome

MINISTRIES PRAYER

Launch Youth: Launch Youth is held every Friday night during the school term.

Youth and Children (CYC) Sundays: CYC is held on Sunday mornings 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: Two Thursday nights a month at 7:00pm at the Odis' house (0452 634 630).

Missions Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Benjamin and Asinate Wari as they continue their missionary service in Vanuatu. Pray over their church and Bethel Christian Preschool Banban - both of which began in March.
- Please pray for Mikaela Geno as she continues her missionary service in Papua New Guinea. Pray over Bethel Sunday School and Mikaela's upcoming lecturing schedule for June and July.

Church Prayer Requests

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



BUILDING FUND OFFERING Sunday 19th May

Our goal as of April 2024 is to raise \$160,000. We are having a giving day for the project on 19th May. We are hoping to occupy the building by mid-year. Please mark your offering, 'NLCC Building Project'. See our online giving page.

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE Sunday 12th May

Bring your mothers along to our Sunday morning service this Mother's Day! We are looking forward to a special morning where we can celebrate the women in our lives. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

LADIES' HIGH TEA Sunday 12th May

Our Ladies' High Tea is open to all women, not just mothers. It will be held at ACC from 6:00pm. Please register by Wednesday 8th May by emailing ACC (office@adelaidechristiancentre.com.au). We are looking forward to a fun night!

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 25th May

All men are welcome to attend our men's breakfast towards the end of this month. The breakfast will begin at 8:00am at ACC. The cost of the event is \$8 per person. Please register by emailing ACC (office@adelaidechristiancentre.com.au).

UPDATES FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Bethel International Training College

Bethel International Training College (BITC) is dedicated to preparing and equipping men and women from all denominations to become effective disciples of Christ.

BITC began in the early 1970s in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG). It is the registered training facilitator for all training programs at Bethel Christian Centre, and is a training arm of CRC Churches International in PNG.

On Monday 25th March, orientation week began for our 2024/2025 intake of students. The morning started off with a procession into the mess where they were greeted by the pastors, their families, missionaries, staff and others who live on the property.

This year there are 36 students enrolled across our four full-time, live-in courses.

- 6 in Frontier Evangelism Institute
- 8 in World Missions Faith Training School
- 4 in Bethel Bible College
- 18 in Bethel Preschool Teacher Training College

Each course is now well underway and the students are settling into life here at Bethel Centre. Please pray for them as they continue on in their studies.





Bethel Christian Preschool Tokarara

Bethel Christian Preschool Tokarara is located on our Bethel Christian Centre property. This is also the location of BITC. The preschool is located in the far left classroom on the bottom level of our new training building. There is also a fenced off area next to the classroom for the children’s playground and bathroom.

Our preschool officially began on Monday 29th April. The day started with a brief welcome service in the mess. Parents, children and Bethel Christian Centre dwellers all attended the opening. The children then made their way to their classroom for the first day of preschool.

The curriculum did not begin until the second week of classes. The first week was full of play, getting to know one another, becoming familiar with the teachers and adjusting to the structure of the preschool.

Mrs Serah Stanley is the head teacher of our preschool (wearing the pink skirt in the group photo). Miss Peggy Harupa is our assistant teacher (far left of the group photo and pictured with children in the other photos). Serah and Peggy are both graduates of Bethel Preschool Teacher Training College (BPTTC). Mrs Viema Vakacegu, our missionary from Fiji and course coordinator of BPPTC, is overseeing the running of the preschool (far right of the group photo holding the child with the green t-shirt).

We have 26 children enrolled for this year. Our limit was 25 but we may increase it to no more than 30 if the demand is high.

Bethel Sunday School

Bethel Sunday School operates under out Bethel Tabernacle of Praise Church in Port Moresby, PNG. Mikaela Geno, Pr Mike and Kelly Groom's daughter and our missionary to PNG, is overseeing the running of the Sunday school.

The Sunday school is separated into three age groups: Preschool (3-6 years of age), Primary (6-12 years of age) and Junior Youth (12+ years of age). Pictured here is the primary age group.

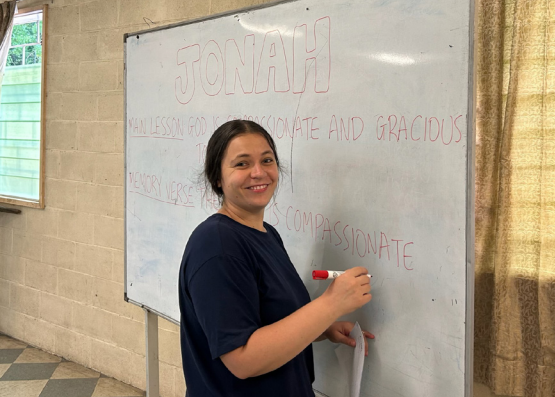
Mikaela oversees the three age groups but she leads the primary age group on a week-by-week basis with a young lady named Aileen Watei. Peggy and Serah (our preschool teachers) lead the preschool age group and Viema (our preschool teacher course coordinator) leads the Junior Youth age group. They are all joined by a dedicated team of helpers each week.

In term one and two, the preschool and primary groups have been focusing on 'Heroes of the Bible'. In March and April they covered Moses, Deborah, Noah, Mary Mother of Jesus, Jonah, Ruth and Gideon.

The junior youth group completed two series from Pr Andy Stanley - 'The Bible for Grown Ups' and 'Guardrails'. In May and June they will look at different Bible study techniques.

In term three all of the age groups will focus on Global Missions. They will be introduced to a different country each week. They will learn about the nation in general and will be presented with the work of the CRC in that nation.





Mikaela Geno

I enjoyed having mum and dad in PNG in April. They were here for just over one week. We had a few outings together, but most of the time they were busy working and completing different tasks. They had a very productive trip!

One morning after prayer meeting, mum asked me where I would be working that day. I told her I would be in the office. She said she would be up in her room working if I needed her. I went to my office and started thinking, 'did mum say all of that because she was hoping I would go to her room and work in there with her?'

I packed up my things and told the ladies in the office that I would be working with mum for the day. I went up to mum's room and asked her if she was hoping I would work with her. She said yes. It was nice working on opposite sides of the desk once again. When I was living in Adelaide, I spent every working day in the same office as mum.

I also really enjoyed having mum in Sunday school with me during the Pidgin service on the Sunday they were here. In Adelaide mum and I were leading Sunday school together so it was very special doing it once again. I also wanted to show her what we have been doing with the children here so she can see how our program is running. We had a great morning!

Outside of mum and dad's visit I have been busy with my CRC Missions finance work, completing different tasks for Adelaide Christian Centre (mainly the Connect News), organising curriculum for

Bethel Sunday School, and a range of other tasks. I am trying to complete as much as possible before I come to Adelaide in May for Josh and Vien's wedding.

I'm very happy to report that **FINALLY** after more than one year of gathering all of the necessary documents for Chrioni to be able to apply for a passport, he has finally received one. It has been a very frustrating process of delay after delay and unexpected requirements popping up here and there.

At the time of writing this update, we are still waiting for his Australian tourist visa to be approved but we believe it should come in time for him to travel to Adelaide with me on Tuesday 14th May. Hopefully by the time you're reading this, it has been approved and we are all set to come!

I'm so excited to bring Chrioni to Adelaide to introduce him to the church and to my family who he hasn't had the chance to meet yet. I'm also looking forward to showing him where I'm from. I know he will have a lot of fun!

I would like to express a big thank you to everyone who continues to pray for my journey here in PNG. And a very BIG thank you to everyone who has been praying for Chrioni's papers.

When I return to PNG after Josh's wedding, I have a few lecture schedules lined up. I will be teaching English to our preschool teachers in training for two weeks in June. I will also be teaching two subjects in Bethel Bible School in June and July. I enjoy my time lecturing in BITC and I'm very much looking forward to it!

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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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/. 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