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CONNECT

JULY 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a number of events coming up in July. All of the necessary information can be found at the start of this Connect.

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INDIA REPORT

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom went to India in June to visit our training schools. Kelly has written a report of their trip.

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PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Bethel Christian Preschool Tokarara in Papua New Guinea had a class party to end term two. Photos can be found inside.

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WELCOME TO NLCC

I'm looking forward to July, especially our five Wednesdays of prayer and fasting. There's no doubt God works through the heartfelt prayers of His people. During my 30+ years of pastoring I've been amazed at how God works through prayer.

One of today's needs is for Christians to live by their convictions, not by their feelings. Living by one's feelings seems to be the zeitgeist of our age. I remember the mantra of the 1960s, 'if it feels good, do it'. Now it seems that's the ultimate arbiter for every personal decision, but God's people are to live by conviction.

Conviction isn't just belief in a truth. It's belief in a truth that has so gripped your heart that it governs the way you think and act. For instance, a deep conviction

about the need to give to the poor will lead to generously and constantly, giving the poor. If you're governed by feelings, you only give when it 'feels right' or if it comes to mind. It's not built into 'the way' you live. That's a flaky way to live.

Paul writes...our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction (1 Thessalonians 1:5). Let's pursue the truth of God's Word. May God grant us deep conviction so we truly know where we stand, what we're living for, and how we are to live. May God help us stand by our convictions. Feelings fluctuate; convictions are fixed. This is what I believe! This is how I live!

Pr Greg Crome

MINISTRIES EVENTS

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).

GUEST SPEAKER - RACHELLE HARDY
Sunday 14th July

Rachelle is a long-serving missionary.

LEADERS' LUNCH
Sunday 14th July

GUEST SPEAKER - JOEL GROOM
Sunday 21st July

Joel is the son of Pr Mike Groom. The Walker family will also be visiting us to lead music.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday 28th July

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CHURCH BUILDING EXTENSIONS
Sunday 22nd September

Prayer Warfare

FIVE WEDNESDAYS

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st July

Two choices to gather for prayer:

8am to 8:30am at the church

7pm to 7:30pm at the church

12 HOUR FAST – 6am to 6pm

(Some may choose to fast only one meal)



Prayer Focus

World Missions and Tennant Creek

Effective evangelism and outreach

Personal and family needs

Property Project and financial goal

Our community and nation

ACC churches and ministries

Join us for prayer in July!





INDIA REPORT

At the beginning of June, Mike and I went to India to visit two of our six bases in India. At one base we run a full-time Bible school called Evangelos International Training Institute (EITI), and at another base we run a full-time missions school called World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS).

You can read about these schools in our missions booklet. If you haven't read this booklet, please grab one and have a read. It is so informative and inspiring.

All of our staff at EITI have trained at the school and are now in leadership roles there. We were able to sit with them and encourage them, asking how they're

going with the program and anything else they wanted to talk about. I find these men and women very inspiring. They are dedicated, passionate for God, and willing to serve God with their whole life. It was an honour to be with them and spend time with them.

We also spent time Pr Daimai and his wife, Achong. In 2017, Pr Daimai came to our CRC National Conference in Australia where he met Pr Barry. Shortly after that, Pr Barry went to India and spent time with Pr Daimai and his church there. Pr Barry then started EITI and all the students and staff attend Pr Daimai's church. Pr Daimai provides some support and pastoral care to the staff and students at EITI.

It was so good being with everyone at EITI, taking time to encourage them,

share the Word and discuss many things. On our last night we bought everyone KFC for dinner. Two of them had never eaten KFC. It was awesome!

After EITI, we travelled to WMFTS in another state. We had a beautiful welcome dinner with the students and staff. It was great being with Pr Dipen, the other staff and the students.

We went to a local church on the Sunday. The pastor of the church is a man that Pr Barry has known for many years. We had some fellowship with him over the breakfast table on the Monday morning which we really enjoyed.

It was great spending time with the students and staff of WMFTS. They are a great group of people, eager to learn

and serve God. They are inspiring and it will be exciting to see how they grow and develop and where God will lead them.

Purnima, her husband and daughter came to visit us while we were at WMFTS. Purnima was a student at WMFTS quite a few years ago. She served in Papua New Guinea and Fiji, and then went back to India. She was in leadership at EITI for a while before she met her husband, and they are now serving in Nepal. It was awesome. I absolutely loved seeing them, especially their very cute daughter!

We were in India for a short time, but it was so good. We enjoyed being with everyone, sharing meals together, sharing the Word and encouraging each other.

Kelly Groom

PRESCHOOL CLASS PARTY

Bethel Christian Preschool Tokarara is located in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG) on the property of Bethel Christian Centre (BCC). BCC is home to our ministry training centre in Port Moresby - Bethel International Training Centre (BITC).

The preschool began at the end of April this year. There are 26 children enrolled in the preschool. We have received positive feedback from parents so far. Our staff are doing a fantastic job running the school.

Our preschool teachers are graduates of Bethel Preschool Teacher Training College (BPTTC), one of the courses offered through BITC.

Serah is our head teacher. She was part of our first batch of students under BPTTC. She graduated in 2020 and went on to teach for two years preschool in Gaire village. She returned to Port Moresby, got married and is now teaching in our new preschool.

Peggy is our other teacher. She was part of the second batch of students under BPTTC. She graduated in 2023 and stayed at BCC to serve.

On Wednesday 26th June, Serah and Peggy sat with parents one-by-one to update them on their children's progress. They also held a class party to celebrate the end of their first term as a preschool.

Photos from their end-of-term party can be seen on the following page.



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