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UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a number of events coming up this month. Have a look inside to familiarise yourself with all that is taking place.

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MISSIONS DINNER

In November we are holding a dinner to fundraise for Bethel Centre in Papua New Guinea. Keep the date in your diaries!

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MISSIONARY UPDATE

Mikaela Geno has written another update of her missionary service in Papua New Guinea. See her update inside!

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WELCOME TO ACC

Welcome to this month's edition of Connect News. This year is flying by! We have now entered the final four months of the year.

August was a busy month. We had a special visit from Pr Somanathan, our national CRC leader in Sri Lanka; a dinner for supporters of our work in Sri Lanka; the opening of our Food Relief Shed; and a great water baptism service.

I travelled to Fiji at the end of August for our CRC National Conference. I was only there for a few days but I had a great time catching up with everyone. We had a really good time of ministry and prayer.

In September Pr Neil, Kelly and I will be going to Papua New Guinea (PNG) for

our Global Trainers' Conference. Pr Neil is our keynote speaker for the event. Kelly is in PNG at the time of writing this welcome. She went towards the end of August to get a start on some work in the finance office.

Please refer to our website for all information relating to our church ministries, including Equip Training College, children and youth ministry, global missions and more.

You can also look online for all the activities and information relating to Adelaide City Care and Adelaide Christian Schools at www.adelaidecitycare.com.au and www.acschools.edu.au.

Pr Mike Groom

MINISTRIES PRAYER

For all details regarding our church ministries, please refer to our church website and Facebook groups.

If you would like to join a mid-week connect group, please contact the church office or visit our website: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/connect/connect-groups/

Grow Kids: www.facebook.com/groups/515902745980537

Elevate Kids: www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc

Empower Youth: www.facebook.com/groups/empoweryouthacc

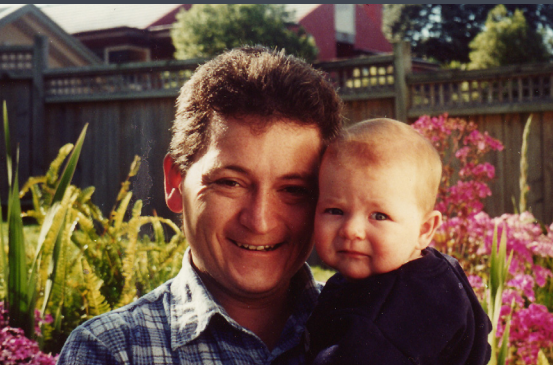
Engage Young Adults: www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/

Missions Prayer Requests

- Pray for Benjamin and Asinate Wari as they continue their missionary service in Vanuatu. They have received a four year visa and are back in Vanuatu after a short break in Fiji. Pray over their church and Bethel Christian Preschool Banban.
- Pray for Mikaela Geno as she continues her missionary service in Papua New Guinea. Pray over Bethel Sunday School and everything else that she is involved in.

Church Prayer Requests

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



FATHER'S DAY SERVICE Sunday 1st September

Join us for our special Father's Day Service. Please invite your family and friends as we come together to celebrate our fathers. We will hold our usual morning service but there will be no evening service on Father's Day.

NEW ARRIVALS DINNER Saturday 14th September

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

INTERNATIONAL FIESTA SUNDAY Sunday 29th September

Our International Fiesta Sundays have been a huge success and we have decided to make them a regular event on our church calendar! Our next one will be held at the end of this month so be sure to mark the date in your diaries.

MISSIONS FUNDRAISING DINNER Saturday 16th November

Keep this date in your diaries! We will be holding a Missions Dinner to fundraise for our bathroom and laundry facilities at Bethel Christian Centre in Papua New Guinea. More details will be released in next month's Connect News.



MISSIONARY UPDATE

It has been quite a while since I wrote an update of my time here in Papua New Guinea (PNG). This year is going very quickly and our schedule has been full!

When Chrioni and I returned to PNG from Adelaide in June, I went straight into two weeks of English teaching with our preschool teachers in training. I really enjoyed my time with them all. This year we have a larger number of students compared to previous years. I had 18 students in my class and although I found it a bit difficult to keep track of them all at times, I had a great time lecturing.

In June and July, I also had opportunities to lecture in Bethel Bible School (BBS). In June I taught 'Why I Believe in Missions' to our first-year students. I shared from the teaching notes, but also included my own experiences and lessons I've learnt along the way. I had fun teaching, and it was nice to meet some new people.

The next subject I taught was 'Public Speaking' to the second-year students. I taught this subject last year so I was already familiar with it. I also taught the second-year students last year when they were in their first year of BBS.

On Sunday 30th June, I had an opportunity to preach in our Pidgin and English Sunday morning services. I shared a two-part sermon on the Great Commission. The first part surrounded our obligation towards the Great Commission. The second part focused on how the same God is Lord over all.

This was my first time preaching at Bethel Tabernacle of Praise Church during the morning service. I thought I would be nervous, but I ended up feeling quite confident. I look forward to more opportunities to preach and teach.

At the start of July we celebrated 52 years of the Christian Revival Crusade in PNG. In last month's Connect News there was an article and pictures detailing this great event. It was nice to have mum, dad and Pr Barry here for the celebration.

During the 52nd Anniversary, I had an opportunity to speak to different Sunday school leaders throughout PNG. We had a small group attend the presentation, but it was very encouraging. I showcased what we have introduced in Bethel Sunday School and spoke about the idea of holding Sunday school teacher training workshops in the future. The response was very supportive.

On Tuesday 16th July, I was asked to lead the missions prayer meeting at Bethel Centre. My country of focus was Australia. I did a presentation on Australia, with a specific focus on Tennant Creek. We prayed over various prayer points and we also placed a focus on our missionaries serving out in the field.

The beginning of August was a busy time for me. I spent most days at my computer trying to complete as much work as possible. July is my busiest month for my CRC Missions finance role, and I had a few tasks that carried on into August.

I've been struggling a bit with balancing all of my different responsibilities. In addition to CRC Missions finances and our projects under Global Development



Group, I'm doing some work for our churches back at home and I'm running Bethel Sunday School here in PNG. Other tasks pop up here and there, including lecturing in the training schools.

I enjoy all of the work that I'm doing, but I do feel like I'm a bit lost in the wind sometimes. I have been trying to work on my time management and some days feel a lot better than others, but it's still a bit of a challenge trying to balance everything and not fall too far behind.

My brother Josh and his wife Vien came to visit mid-August. Josh came as a reserve player for the PNG Open. Unfortunately, he didn't get to play because not enough people dropped out, however, we had a great time with them. It always hits different when people come to visit us here in PNG.

The day they arrived I was feeling a bit under the weather. I thought I was just tired, but I woke up the following day with a fever. I still went to the golf course because I had been looking forward to visiting it again for months! The fever went away and came back at night. The following day I went to the doctor again to see if anything was wrong.

I bet you'll never guess what my results showed. I had dengue fever again - what are the chances? I think my body must be used to dengue fever now or something because this was by far the easiest case to go through. I didn't feel too sick, and I didn't have any symptoms since that one day of fevers. Praise the Lord!

While Josh and Vien were here we celebrated the engagement of Stanis and Aileen. Stanis and Aileen completed

World Missions Faith Training School and Bethel Bible College some years ago. Aileen has also completed Bethel Preschool Teacher Training College and she works very closely with me in Bethel Sunday School. Following their graduations from their courses, Stanis and Aileen have committed to serving at Bethel Centre. Their engagement was held on Saturday 17th August.

On Sunday 18th August we had a big dinner at the church. It marked the closing of our 52nd anniversary celebrations of Christian Revival Crusade in PNG. We spent the night serving food to all of the guests. Josh and Vien were still here, and they were also involved. It was great fun having them with us throughout the night.

At the end of August, mum arrived in PNG. She is here for the Global Trainers' Conference (GTC), but she came a week early to do some work in the finance office. She is still here at the time of writing this report and I have enjoyed my days working at the same desk as her once again! Dad and Pr Neil will arrive at the start of September for GTC.

Bethel Sunday School is going well. We concluded our series on 'Heroes of the Bible', and we began our 'Global Missions' series. We will be leading the Father's Day Service and we will also hold a Family Service at the end of the year so we have a bit to prepare for in between our regular lessons.

Thank you to everyone who is praying for me and supporting me.

Mikaela Geno



ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au

YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/c/AdelaideChristianCentre

Private Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/SturtStreet/

Public Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/adelaidechristiancentre/

Instagram: [@adelaidechristiancentre](https://www.instagram.com/adelaidechristiancentre)

CONTACT DETAILS

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GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our website: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/give/.

Press the 'Give' button under the first option and follow the next steps.

Option Two: Bank Transfer

Account Name: Adelaide Christian Centre

BSB: 065 005

Account Number: 0090 3471

OTHER CHURCH LOCATIONS

New Life Christian Centre

Address: 105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach, SA 5165

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.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