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## HEW'S TESTIMONY

Hew Barnard-Brown has written an account of various times in his life when God has intervened. One of these is inside.

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## USA REPORT

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom, along with Tom Lee travelled to the USA recently to prepare for Vision Equip Training College.

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## MISSIONARY UPDATE

Mikaela Geno has written an update of her missionary adventures in Papua New Guinea. Have a look inside.

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# WELCOME TO ACC

Welcome to our November Connect News. This month, we are continuing our series 'Getting to Know the Holy Spirit'.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Promise of the Holy Spirit

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
Jesus' Relationship with the Holy Spirit

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
Baptism of the Holy Spirit

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
Keeping in Step with the Holy Spirit

In our evening services, we are following a series on the topic of 'Wisdom'.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Avoiding Laziness with Wisdom

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
Wisdom and Humility

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
Wisdom in Relationships and Conflict

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
Wisdom for Life's Direction

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](http://www.adelaidecitycare.com.au) and [www.acschools.edu.au](http://www.acschools.edu.au).

# 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/](http://www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/connect/connect-groups/)

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**Elevate Kids:** [www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc](https://www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc)

**Empower Youth:** [www.facebook.com/groups/empoweryouthacc](https://www.facebook.com/groups/empoweryouthacc)

**Engage Young Adults:** [www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/)

## Missions Prayer Requests

- Pray for Benjamin and Asinate Wari in Vanuatu. Pray over their church and Bethel Christian Preschool Banban. Benjamin will be the guest speaker at their National Youth Camp in December. Keep this in your prayers.
- Pray for Mikaela Geno as she continues her missionary service in Papua New Guinea. Pray over Bethel Sunday School as it prepares to close for 2024. Chrioni and Mikaela will be travelling to Adelaide in December.

## Church Prayer Requests

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



## MISSIONS SUNDAY Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

On the first Sunday of every month, we have our Missions Sunday. Join us this month as we gather together to celebrate what is taking place across the nations. We will take up a special missions offering during the service.

## CHILD SAFE TRAINING Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

All of our volunteers and leaders who work with children or plan policies and activities related to children's ministry, are requested to attend our next child safe training session. It will be held at church from 1:30-4:30pm.

## MISSIONS FUNDRAISING DINNER Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Our Missions Fundraising Dinner is focusing on upgrades taking place at Bethel Christian Centre in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea to various bathroom and laundry facilities. Further information can be found on the following page.

## WATER BAPTISM SERVICE Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

At the conclusion of our morning service, we will be holding a water baptism service. If you would like to be water baptised, please speak to Pr Mike or Pr Gregg, contact the church office or visit the info desk.



## MISSIONS FUNDRAISING DINNER

Bethel Christian Centre is located in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. It is home to full-time ministry training students, staff, missionaries, pastors and families. Many facilities are outdated and in need of repair, particularly bathroom facilities.

The central bathroom and laundry block is used by approximately 70 individuals on a daily basis. Work has already begun to ensure six showers and toilets are available for men and another set is available for women. We have moved a 40-foot shipping container from one

corner of the carpark area to a space right next to the existing bathroom block so we can expand the current facilities.

In addition to this, an accessible bathroom has been created for Gabi Wari. Gabi is the wife of one of our pastors, Pr Ai Wari. She suffered a stroke some years ago which has significantly restricted her physically. Extensions to the finance office took place to relocate the missions office. The old missions office was then converted into a bathroom.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of November, we will be raising funds to assist with the cost of these vital upgrades. Our goal is to raise \$10,000. The dinner will begin at 6:00pm and it will be held at church. \$50 per adult and \$25 under 18 years old. An offering will be taken up on the night.

## TENNANT CREEK VEHICLE

Our church in Tennant Creek has had an ongoing need for vehicles. Every week, not just on Sundays, Pr Jeremiah picks up people for church services and activities. Without his assistance, many people would not be able to come to church.

In 2022, Pr Mike and his daughter Mikaela, drove the old Adelaide Christian Centre church bus to Tennant Creek when we received our new Adelaide City Care bus. This bus has been, and continues to be, a great blessing to the church and its various programs. However, it is getting

old and it cannot handle some of the transport demands of the church.

We have a desire to reach other areas of the Northern Territory (NT). We already have a foot in Elliot, but we need to strengthen our outreach there. We also have plans to venture further north into Katherine to see if there are outreach opportunities there. These initiatives, in addition to occasional travel between Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, are too much for the church bus to handle.

We put in for a grant through the NT government to receive a free ex-government vehicle and we were successful. Praise God. This vehicle will assist the Madimadi family in their day-to-day transport, as well as TCCFC in their ministry needs and future plans.

# WHEN GOD INTERVENED

**Hew Barnard-Brown is a long-serving member of Adelaide Christian Centre. He has written about the multiple times his life has been endangered over the years and how God has intervened. Included down below is one of his testimonies.**

After arriving home from church camp on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2004, I backed the caravan onto the front lawn as normal. When I uncoupled the van, it rolled off the blocks under the right wheels to level it. I reconnected the van and moved it. I got out of the Bronco and left it running as I wanted to check it was positioned correctly. As I checked, it started to move. I immediately thought I had failed to put the brakes on. I ran to stop the Bronco and caravan, but fell and was run over by the caravan. This caused considerable damage to my body.

Cynthia was horrified to see this happen and immediately prayed for the power of God into my body. She went inside and rang Judi who was unexpectedly home. Judi and Brian immediately came to our home to help. Three neighbours called 000 for an ambulance. When I woke up, I was lying on the road and all I could feel was its hard surface. I remember asking anyone to help me get off the hard road, but correctly, no one moved me. I had no idea that I was so badly hurt. After an ambulance arrived, I heard the officer who was bending over me, telling his mate to call for the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) ambulance. I then passed out as they were treating me, probably with painkillers.

After seeing me put in the ambulance, Cynthia felt too shaken up and with her bad back, she decided to stay home. Alison stayed with her while Judi, Margaret and Rosalie went to the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) to be with me.

Next, I remember being asked my name in the RAH at about midnight. Kaye Flynn, who was also at the church camp and had been called into work in the RAH X-ray department, was speaking to me. I did not recognise her, but she did me. Kaye said it was a miracle that all the specialists that were needed for my injuries were on call and immediately able to respond. The doctors were very pleased that I could answer them as it showed that my brain was not injured.

My children were told it was possible I would not survive the night as I was losing a lot of blood internally. Praise God, I did survive. Praise God that I had been a blood donor for many years and had given 84 litres. My head and body were significantly damaged with many broken bones and Klebsiella pneumonia developed while I was in the ICU. I had to remain there and in the High Dependency Unit (HDU) until healed. I was very swollen. I do not remember being in pain. I spent about 2 weeks in the ICU/HDU at RAH.

In Orthopaedic Ward S3, I was given a single room as a long-term patient. I spent a further five weeks in RAH lying flat on my back due to the cracks in my pelvis. I was not allowed to move from being flat by more than 15 degrees. I had frequent X-rays as the doctors checked on the healing of the cracks. I was very pleased when after about three weeks in hospital, I was given a shower. I had to be

showered lying flat on a shower bed. It took three or four nurses to transfer me, which meant at times I had to miss out on a shower. There was only one bathroom that could cope with the long shower bed and, if it was occupied, I missed out.

After about five weeks in hospital, I caught MRSI and I was shifted to a different room in the infectious area. Staff had to put on special clothing to come in to treat me. I was given a new type of air mattress as a trial. Many times, family and nurses accidentally activated the dump valve letting the air out and I disappeared into the innards of the bed. Later, it was discovered that it had been incorrectly installed, exposing the dump valve. The dump valve was necessary because if a patient had a heart problem, CPR could be done on a hard surface. All the staff were wonderful, caring and very helpful.

People would look amazed when I was taken to the X-ray department in my decorated bed. The children at Sunrise Christian School prayed for me and made more than 1,000 get-well cards. Kym Golding brought cards in after I was out of ICU/HDU. My daughters hung the cards from the overhead frame of my bed. The staff read them and commented that my bed was the most decorated one in the RAH. After school commenced in 2005, I visited Sunrise to thank them for their prayers and cards.

Many friends, including our church folk and Gideons, prayed for my recovery. Praise God for all the prayers and for the wonderful work of the doctors and nurses, which certainly led to my miraculous recovery. I was thrilled that some former Army officers, who were in one of my units, visited me in hospital.

Channel 10 had a good honest report of this unusual accident. Cynthia was interviewed on the day of the accident. Channel 10 was permitted to come to RAH three weeks after the accident to interview me. Alison was present at the time and again they transmitted an accurate report, which clearly showed my injuries superimposed on an image of a body.

In early December, I was strapped to a board and slowly raised to be vertical to check my reaction after seven weeks lying flat on my back. I was loosed to move about a little before I was put back into bed. For about a week, the physio got me up and exercised me by walking up and down the corridor. I had lost a considerable amount of weight.

I was taken in a wheelchair in an Access Cab with another patient to Hampstead Repatriation Hospital on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2004 for assessment about when I could go home. I had to wash and clean burnt pots and pans and do some simple cooking to prove that I could function at home.

The Motor Accident Commission covered the expenses and gave me a good payout on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006 to finalise their responsibility for me. This enabled us to make donations to the organisations that treated me so well. I praise God that I was only left with minor problems because of this serious accident. I have double vision at times particularly when I am tired, my right hand gets cold because one blood vessel in my elbow was not joined, and I have a scar on my left thigh where the skin graft for the left hand was taken. I am still amazed at how well I am. Praise God.

# USA REPORT

Kelly, Tom and I arrived in Walhalla, South Carolina on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October after a long trek from Adelaide. The next day we commenced a big clean up and clean out, in preparation for setting up our upcoming Vision Equip Training College.

We worked for a week, sorting through the college training rooms, offices, dining hall, kitchen and storage rooms. Three skip bins and many hours of work later, we were successful in what we set out to do. A huge effort by Tom, Jethro, Nathan, Kathleen, Pr Warwick and Pr Omega. We are ready to prepare a website and promotional material to advertise for student enrolments.

It was great seeing the Hughes family and the congregation at Faith Center Church. Kelly shared with the ladies on the Friday night and the men had a men's brekky the following week. We enjoyed the Sunday services, focussing on our series, 'Getting to Know the Holy Spirit'.

The Sagun family joined us in Walhalla, as did Gabriel Manego and Lee-Ann Nilo, getting ready for Stephen and Shekinah's wedding. It was a privilege to attend their ceremony and we all enjoyed celebrating at their reception, held on a beautiful golf course at Clemson University.

On our way back to Australia, Kelly and I spent three days with Dr Stan and Joan DeKoven in California, catching up and strategising for our training courses in Adelaide, Port Moresby and Walhalla.

A big thank you to the Hughes family and the wonderful folk at Faith Center Church for their hospitality and friendship.



Before and After



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# MIKAELA GENO UPDATE

What you will read below is a condensed version of my full September and October update. If you would like the full version, please speak to Pr Mike.

September began with Bethel Sunday School running the Father's Day service. It was a successful morning, and all the children did a fantastic job. We didn't spend many weeks practicing, so I was very proud of how everything turned out.

Mum travelled to Papua New Guinea at the end of August and dad joined us at the beginning of September. Pr Neil Milne arrived the day after dad and they went straight into the Global Trainers' Conference. Mum and dad stayed for one week after the conference. I enjoyed having them around once again.

In September I began teaching English via Zoom for our staff and children at Bethel Children's Home in Sri Lanka. I'm teaching the staff on Mondays from 2:30-3:30pm my time, and the children on Thursdays from 8:00-9:00pm. We have been learning the sounds of English. It's so good seeing them every week.

Bethel Sunday School is going well. We finished our theme on Global Missions in October and moved onto preparations for our end-of-year Family Service. We will hold the Family Service during the evening service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. We have an exciting program planned and I'm looking forward to it.

I spent four weeks in October lecturing full-time. The first two weeks were a

combined class for three of our full-time courses: Frontier Evangelism Institute (FEI), Bethel Bible College (BBC) and Bethel Preschool Teacher Training College (BPTTC). There were 26 students in total. I taught 'Administration and Financial Management in Preschool and Church Settings'.

I really enjoyed the lessons even though it was a bit full on. On Mondays and Thursdays, I lectured in the morning, afternoon and evening. On Tuesdays and Fridays, I taught until lunchtime. On Wednesdays, I lectured in the morning and afternoon. I tried to cover a range of topics, with a lot of time spent on practical tasks. It was great fun, and the students gave a lot of positive feedback.

After two weeks of the combined class, I spent two weeks teaching the FEI students English. We covered a range of grammar items. There are only six students in this course, so I was able to get to know each one a bit better. The smaller number of students enabled me to assess their levels of English more effectively. They all did so well and picked up on our topics very nicely.

At the end of November, Chrioni's parents, Chrioni and I are heading to Lalaura for two weeks. Lalaura is Chrioni's dad's village, and it is located in Central Province. We are extremely excited for this trip! It will be my first time venturing a good distance outside Port Moresby.

After our trip to the village, we will return to Port Moresby for a few days before Chrioni and I fly to Adelaide for several weeks over December and January.

Thank you very much for your prayers and ongoing support.

## ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: [www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au](http://www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au)

YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/c/AdelaideChristianCentre](http://www.youtube.com/c/AdelaideChristianCentre)

Private Facebook Group: [www.facebook.com/groups/SturtStreet/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SturtStreet/)

Public Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/adelaidechristiancentre/](http://www.facebook.com/adelaidechristiancentre/)

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## GIVING DETAILS

### Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our website: [www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/give/](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla)

Service Time: 10:00am