

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

A range of events are coming up this month. Have a look inside to familiarise yourself with what is taking place in the life of our church.

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#### **VANUATU REPORT**

Pr Greg Crome and Roger Fitton recently visited our missionaries in Vanuatu. Pr Greg has written a report from their trip.

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#### **TENNANT CREEK VISIT**

Pr Gregg Manego and Peter Odi went to Tennant Creek last month to help with some practical work and ministry.

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# WELCOME TO ACC

Welcome to our March Connect News. We have a number of big events coming up so please see below to keep up to date with all that is taking place.

February was a busy month. Pr Barry and I enjoyed our time in the Philippines where we attended their CRC National Conference. It was a great time visiting long-time friends and meeting new people in our movement over there. We both had opportunities to minister during the conference and we look forward to developing our relationship further with our team in the Philippines.

Andreas, Amke, Kelly and I also enjoyed a trip to Papua New Guinea mid-February. Andreas and Amke enjoyed their time in fellowship with people around Bethel Centre and ministering to our students. They were a great blessing. We also enjoyed the wedding of one of our young staff couples - Stanis and Aileen.

In March Kelly and I will be travelling to India and Sri Lanka. We will be meeting Chrioni and Mikaela in Sri Lanka.

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 <a href="https://www.acschools.edu.au">www.acschools.edu.au</a>.

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# 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: <a href="www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/connect/connect-groups/">www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/connect/connect-groups/</a>

Grow Kids: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/515902745980537">www.facebook.com/groups/515902745980537</a>

**Elevate Kids:** <u>www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc</u>

**Empower Youth:** <u>www.facebook.com/</u> groups/empoweryouthacc

**Engage Young Adults:** <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/">www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/</a>

#### **Missions Prayer Requests**

- Pray for our staff and students at Bethel International Training College in PNG. Our current students will graduate on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March and a new batch will begin next month for the 2025/2026 academic year.
- Pray for our preschool in Vanuatu.
  They have began classes for 2025
  but they are still believing for more
  students to enrol and attend.
- Pray for all of our missionaries serving overseas and in Tennant Creek.

#### **Church Prayer Requests**

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







#### MISSIONS SUNDAY Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Every first Sunday of the month is Missions Sunday. It is a time where we focus on all that is taking place across the nations we are involved in. We will also be taking up a special missions offering during our services.

### PR HANS VOORTMAN Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March

We are having a guest speaker in our morning service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Pr Hans Voortman has been a CRC pastor for many years. We are looking forward to having him come and minister in the life of our church.

#### **NEW ARRIVALS DINNER** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

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 6<sup>th</sup> April

Our next International Fiesta Sunday is coming up at the start of April. We are looking forward to a multicultural focused service, a market-style lunch with food from different nations, and seeing you all in your national dress!

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## VANUATU TRIP REPORT

Roger Fitton (an elder at New Life Christian Centre) and I spent a week at our Vanuatu CRC base on Santo Island. We were there from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Our main reasons for travelling to Vanuatu were to visit our missionaries, Benjamin and Asinate Wari (sent from Papua New Guinea), and to organise some improvements to our utilities on the property.

We thoroughly enjoyed our fellowship with the Benjamin and Asinate, Willy (a long-term worker at the base) and Patrick. Patrick is Pr Remy Adam's nephew who has spent time on the property helping with some construction and other practical work.

During our time on Santo, we sourced materials and equipment to build a solar-powered well pump. Patrick and the guys installed it. The property is limited to rain water and bore water. Patrick's welding skills came in handy to ensure maximum protection for the solar panels against cyclonic winds.

In addition to looking into solar power for the pump, we investigated what is available locally to renew the aging main solar system. It will be very useful if we can upgrade the current power supply to the property.

We also purchased a second lawn mower. This was desperately needed as there is more than four acres of lawn to mow. And yes, I did do some mowing! Benjamin and Anisate have been in Vanuatu for well over a year now. They are doing a fantastic work commencing a preschool (Bethel Christian Preschool) and planting a church (Ban Ban Christian Centre) on the base.

They are also building good relationships with people around the community. Their work involves reaching out to local families and all that is involved in progressing the new preschool and church plant, along with looking after the substantial property there. Willy, who lives on-site, is a great help each week.

Historically the base has been a centre for training people for ministry. For several years Pr John and Unuba Weimani from PNG oversaw this work. They have now retired back to PNG.

The COVID-19 pandemic made training very difficult, resulting in a pause on training there. It is wonderful to see the new ventures with the preschool and church plant, and to have wonderful young missionary couple based there.

The property (approximately five acres developed and six acres of bush) is situated centrally in a growing area called 'Ban Ban' with roads lining each boundary.

It is a 20 minute taxi drive from Luganville, the major town and commercial centre on Santo, and only 15 minutes to the international airport. Santo is the largest Island by landmass and the second most populated in the nation.

The ministry is overseen by Bethel Centre PNG and Adelaide Christian Centre.

**Pr Greg Crome** 





## TENNANT CREEK VISIT

Pete Odi and I had a successful trip to Tennant Creek, and we sincerely thank you for all of your prayers.

We arrived in Alice Springs on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February, where Pr Jerry had arranged our accommodation. We stayed at Steve and Becky Cook's place. They are both doing well – Becky works in a private school and Steve is a bus driver for a public school. They continue to be a huge support to the work and church at Christian Family Centre (CFC) Alice Springs.

On Friday morning after a quick breakfast, we departed from Alice and arrived in Tennant Creek around noon. Following a short break, we started working on the list of tasks that Pr Jerry and Pr Mike had requested. Pete handled most of the work, with Pr Jerry and myself assisting as needed. A list of the completed jobs is included at the end of this report.

On Friday night, we attended the youth meeting, where over 20 children gathered to enjoy the evening. Pr Jerry, Ebony and Josephine led the event. Towards the end of the night, a light meal was provided and prayers were offered for the children. Many of these children were picked up from the streets, with only a small number regularly coming to church services.

During the day on Saturday, we continued doing our list of practical tasks on both the accommodation units

and the Tennant Creek Christian Family Church (TCCFC) facilities.

On Saturday night we hosted a leaders' night, inviting all the key people who support Pr Jerry and Delia. We shared a meal, took time to catch up with the team and expressed gratitude for their invaluable contributions to the work in Tennant Creek.

The Lord has brought together a wonderful group of people including Indian, African and Fijian members, all non-Indigenous. This gathering also served as a send-off for Ebony, who is returning to Townsville for two months. Everyone is praying and anticipating her swift return – fingers crossed!

Sunday was a day of worship and ministry. I preached at both the morning and evening services, led communion, and provided an opportunity for prayer, encouraging people to commit their hearts and lives to Jesus. The morning service had over 40 attendees, while the evening service had more than 20. Lunch was also provided after the morning service.

We left Tennant Creek on Monday morning around 7:30am and arrived in Alice Springs at 12.15pm. We had lunch at Pr Caesar's place. Pr Caesar is a Filipino pastor looking after CFC Alice Springs. We headed to the airport after we had lunch with him.

Overall, it was a very special and fulfilling experience for Pete and I. If given the opportunity, we are both keen to return, especially Pete!

The following column contains a list of all the work we carried out during our trip.

TCCFC Church Facilities:

- 1. Replaced toilet light with an energy-saving one.
- 2. Installed a new toilet seat.
- 3. Replaced hinges on the kitchen cupboard.
- 4. Installed a new door lock on the side entry near the BBQ area.
- 5. Cleaned the air conditioning filter in the church office.
- 6. Checked the evaporative air conditioning units.
- 7. Replaced the office light with an energy-saving one.

Note: Pete drew a layout of the church building with its measurements for future reference

Accommodation Units:

- 1. Removed blockages from the kitchen tap in Pr Jerry's accommodation unit.
- 2. Fit a new tap valve seal in Pr Jerry's backyard leaking tap.
- 3. Fixed the leaking washing machine.
- 4. Fixed the back door lock in Pr Jerry's backyard.
- 5. Installed a new air duct on the portable air conditioning unit in one of Pr Jerry's rooms.
- 6. Fixed outdoor lights.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and look forward to future visits.

**Pr Gregg Manego** 

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#### **ONLINE PRESENCE**

Web: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au

YouTube Channel: <a href="www.youtube.com/c/AdelaideChristianCentre">www.youtube.com/c/AdelaideChristianCentre</a>
Private Facebook Group: <a href="www.facebook.com/groups/SturtStreet/">www.facebook.com/groups/SturtStreet/</a>
Public Facebook Page: <a href="www.facebook.com/adelaidechristiancentre/">www.facebook.com/adelaidechristiancentre/</a>

Instagram: @adelaidechristiancentre

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

Office: 33 Sturt Street, Adelaide SA 5000 | Open Tuesday-Friday, 9am-5pm

Email: office@adelaidechristiancentre.com.au

**Phone:** (08) 8212 2322

Service Times: 10:00am and 5:30pm

#### **GIVING DETAILS**

**Option One: Online Giving** 

Visit the giving page on our website: <a href="www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/give/">www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/give/</a>.

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: <u>www.newlifeonline.org.au</u> 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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla">www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla</a>

Service Time: 10:00am