

# CONNECT

MAY 2022

## CHURCH MINISTRIES

School holidays are over and our regular church ministries are recommencing. Further information can be found inside.

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## GIVE A COFFEE

We have launched a new fundraising campaign to raise money for a coconut plantation at our farm in Kalkudah, Sri Lanka.

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## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Pr Mike and Mikaela travelled to Papua New Guinea at the end of April. A report of their trip can be read inside.

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# WELCOME TO NLCC

Easter was a great time of celebration here at NLCC. Thank you to our children, youth and worship teams for all the work you put in. Also to Bruce and Tangi for making resurrection Sunday so good.

In May we have our Ladies' Dinner and men's brekkie. Our youth is into term two and our connect groups also provide a great opportunity to fellowship and grow together. Our prayer gathering provides opportunity to change lives and the world through prayer.

I have been drawn lately to Joseph in the Old Testament. He was promised great things, a position of leadership and great blessing but things did not transpire as expected. Abused and rejected by family, sold into slavery, falsely accused and

unjustly thrown in prison - not exactly the blessed life God had promised. What is amazing about Joseph is he kept his heart right before God. He did not allow resentment or bitterness to take his heart captive. Nor did he lose faith that God would somehow fulfill His promise to him. He maintained a soft, submitted and pliable heart. When he could have destroyed those family members who betrayed him, he offered grace and love. He rose to rule, not for his own benefit, but for his family and for his brothers, the very ones who deserved it the least. In this way Joseph is a type of Christ. We need to take his example into our own hearts. It was Joseph's heart that enabled him to rise up and enter into all that God had intended for him. **Pr Greg Crome**

# UPDATES

To see what Launch Youth has planned for term two, please visit our church website.

## Connect Groups:

- **Tuesday Nights**  
Combined young adults connect groups with ACC in the West and South. Visit [www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/).
- **Wednesday Nights**  
11<sup>th</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> May. 7:00pm at 75 Riverview Drive, Port Noarlunga (0417 857 515).
- **Thursday Nights**  
5<sup>th</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> May. 7:00pm at the Odis' house (0452 634 630).

# PRAYER

## Missions Prayer Requests

- Recovery and healing for Pr Remy Adams' son Alfred. As many of you know, Pr Remy is our CRC National Leader in Vanuatu. His son was involved in a serious car accident near Brisbane towards the end of March and he suffered major injuries.
- Granting of visas for Jeremiah Madimadi, Delia Madimadi and their daughter Nelliewinnie. They will be sent to our church in Tennant Creek as missionaries.

## Church Prayer Requests

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



## MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Our men's breakfast will be held at NLCC and will begin at 7:30am. A special guest speaker will be joining us for the event. Please text 0417 857 515 to register. Invite your friends! There will be great food, a great word and great mates!



## LADIES' DINNER Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

The Ladies' Dinner will be held at Adelaide Christian Centre (ACC). To register please contact the ACC office: 08 8212 2322 or [office@adelaidechristiancentre.com.au](mailto:office@adelaidechristiancentre.com.au). The dinner is free and it will begin at 6:00pm.



## LEADERS AND WORKERS LUNCH Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

A special lunch for our leaders and key workers will take place after our morning service. The lunch will be held at church and will begin at 12:00pm. It will finish at 1:15pm. Please bring your own food to the lunch.



## PRAYER GATHERING Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Our next church prayer gathering will be taking place at the end of the month. Everyone is encouraged to attend the night. We will be starting the prayer meeting at 6:30pm at church. See you there!



# GIVE A COFFEE CAMPAIGN

Bethel Children's Homes have been in operation since 1998 when the first home opened with 11 girls. Since then two new homes have been built to house more girls on the same property. A property was also purchased to build a new home for boys. All of the children in the homes have been affected in some way by the war and civil unrest in Sri Lanka. This has resulted in them being displaced, physiologically affected and discriminated against.

The homes have government permission to care for up to 40 children. They maintain a family-like environment by ensuring a high level of individual care. The homes ensure all children are sent to primary and secondary schools within the community, assures all medical and healthcare needs are met, provides all subsistence needs (i.e. food, clothing, shelter, water, sanitation, recreation etc.), and commits to continually support their overall physical, emotional, mental and intellectual development.

In addition to the children's home we own a farm. We are hoping to develop this farm so it can provide a stable source of income for the homes.

With this in mind, we have decided to relaunch our 'Give a Coffee' fundraising campaign. We ran this campaign last year to raise money for our Door of Hope Preschool in Sri Lanka. It was a huge success!

We are aiming to raise enough money to develop a coconut plantation on five acres of the farm property. This involves developing the land, planting and caring for the trees, constructing a new house for a farmer to take care of the land, and employing the farmer. We do not have a specific monetary goal but we are hoping to raise enough to be able to accomplish all of the above.

## How It Works

We are looking for people willing to make a commitment to give \$5 per week for one year (the price of a coffee) to contribute to the development of the coconut plantation.

If you would like to make a commitment, please contact the church office or fill in one of the forms located at the info desk.

# PAPUA NEW GUINEA

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April dad and I travelled to Papua New Guinea (PNG). This was our first overseas trip since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Travelling to PNG felt too good to be true after such a long time away.

We drove straight to Bethel Christian Centre when we arrived and were welcomed by the pastors, staff, students and families. What an amazing welcome it was! It was so good to see everyone's smiling faces again. Although we have been able to connect via Zoom and other online avenues, absolutely nothing beats seeing everyone in-person.

I had the privilege of sharing with the youth and young adults the night we arrived. I shared a personal testimony surrounding the call of God and missions. It was a great night.

Over the following days I was given opportunities to share with our missions school students and our preschool

teachers in training. I discussed various Bible study techniques with the missions school students and spent time discussing my missions involvement with the preschool students. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with both groups and can't wait to visit again later this year to run English classes with them.

On the Wednesday morning I shared in the morning chapel service. I titled my message 'Deciding to Grow'. Prior to going on this trip it hit me that I have grown and developed quite a lot since I last went overseas. Now I am at a stage where I can preach and minister at a different level; I wasn't doing that to the same extent as I am now prior to the pandemic. I'm happy to be at the stage I am now as I had a great time ministering with those on the Bethel Centre property.

At the time of writing this report, I am halfway through my trip. This coming week I will take photos and videos of our new training building that is currently being built. It is a very impressive building! I'm excited to see and be part of all of the amazing things that will flow from it when we are able to use it.

One of my favourite parts of my trip so far has been reconnecting with old

friends and building deeper connections with others. I am absolutely loving all of the fellowship and the long chats I'm having with all different people at Bethel Centre. I am already anticipating how sad I will be when it is time to leave. It truly does feel like home here!

Dad also had many opportunities to minister with the people on the Bethel Centre property, as well as the church congregation. His trip was full of meetings and other ministry endeavours. He spoke at both services on Sunday and had a great time of prayer ministry in the second service. He also had time ministering with the students on the Bethel Centre property.

One of the highlights of our trip was going to Gaire village to see our preschool and to visit the church leaders. The preschool is going very well - the kids are so cute! It was very encouraging to see two of our preschool teacher training course graduates running the preschool. What an awesome ministry!

We are hoping to begin our preschool on the Bethel Centre property at the start of 2023 once our training building is complete. We were able to develop further plans for the preschool during this trip and we are excited for all that is to come. Please keep the future of our preschool ministry in PNG in your prayers.

This first overseas missions trip has been such a special experience. The pandemic is almost behind us and the days of heavy international travel restrictions are coming to an end. Praise the Lord!

**Mikaela Groom**



## ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: [www.newlifeonline.org.au](http://www.newlifeonline.org.au)

YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBgg411yAy\\_YQQ5c17STow](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBgg411yAy_YQQ5c17STow)

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

Instagram: [@new.life.christian.centre](https://www.instagram.com/new.life.christian.centre)

## CONTACT DETAILS

Office: 105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach, SA 5165

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Email: [info@newlifeonline.org.au](mailto:info@newlifeonline.org.au)

Phone: (08) 8384 4814

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/](http://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 or the missions account.

**GENERAL** Account Name: New Life Christian Centre

BSB: 035-053

Account Number: 127 021

**MISSIONS** 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](http://www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au)

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

### Tennant Creek Christian Family Church

Address: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, NT 0860

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/Tennant-Creek-Christian-Family-Church-474057526106690](http://www.facebook.com/Tennant-Creek-Christian-Family-Church-474057526106690)

Service Times: 10:00am and 6:30pm