

A photograph of two women standing in a kitchen. The woman on the left is wearing a black dress with yellow and white geometric patterns. The woman on the right is wearing a red and yellow patterned dress with a green shawl draped over her shoulders. They are both smiling. In the background, there are shelves with various items, including boxes of 'Zerella FRESH' and a sink area.

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# CONNECT

MARCH 2025

## 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 NLCC

Greetings! February has been a hive of activity with various groups and ministries back into swing. Already our Tuesday playgroup is drawing parents with young children and our Friday Youth with the new time slot of 6pm to 8pm is attracting more young people. So good! Thank you to our teams who lead so well. We baptised one person in February and will have another baptism service soon. Roger Fitton and I also made a brief trip to Vanuatu, which was productive and helpful (report inside). We look forward to what the Lord will do in March!

When my heart is overwhelmed (Psalm 61:2) cries the Psalmist. And we all know that feeling, right! Many things can contribute to feeling that way: poor health, financial pressure, relationship

difficulties, perceived failures, etc. Sometimes, it's the build-up of a number of difficulties we face. So what do we do?

When my heart is overwhelmed, says the psalmist, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I. No greater peace, comfort, and strength will come but through Jesus, as we call on Him, lean into him, trust Him, and seek His will and wisdom.

Prayer is critical in this. Spend time just praying and reading the Word of God. These are the means of God's grace to us. Jesus is our Rock – our steady, strong, steadfast, Saviour. He will help by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Have a blessed month of March.

**Pr Greg Crome**

# MINISTRIES PRAYER

**Play Group:** Every Tuesday from 9:00-11:00am during the school term.

**Launch Youth:** Every Friday night at church during the school term from 6:00-8:00pm.

**Youth and Children Sundays:** Sunday mornings during the school term.

**Tuesday Night Young Adults Connect Group:** 7:00pm at Paolo and Ester's house (0490 249 263).

**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 Peter and Janin's house (0452 634 630).

## 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 begun 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.



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

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



## MEN'S BREKKY Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Our brekky will begin at 7:30am at NLCC. Our guest speaker is Andreas Buse from ACC. He will share how he came to faith in Jesus Christ and how following Christ changes our lives. Invite your mates and register by March 25<sup>th</sup> (text 0417857515).



## OFFICIAL OPENING DAY Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Although we have been using our new church facility for some weeks now, we are looking forward to holding an official opening next month. This is an advance notice and invitation to all of our congregation members to join us as we



celebrate our new building extensions. Following our morning service, we will have light lunch on the lawn from 12:00pm. From 12:30-2:00pm we will have a walk through our new facility. You are invited to celebrate our grand opening with us. RSVP is essential. Please text your acceptance to 0417857515 or email [info@newlifeonline.org.au](mailto:info@newlifeonline.org.au).



# 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**

## ONLINE PRESENCE

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

YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBgg4l1yAy\\_YQQ5c17STow](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBgg4l1yAy_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)

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## 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 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](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

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