

# CONNECT

OCTOBER 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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## 30 YEARS OF CRC FIJI

At the end of August, our CRC family in Fiji celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Photos and a report can be found inside!

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## PNG TRIP REPORT

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom visited Papua New Guinea at the start of September to run a marriage seminar.

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# WELCOME TO NLCC

Many exciting things are happening in the congregation, and I'm looking forward to October. Alpha is a wonderful way to introduce people to the gospel in a friendly, welcoming environment. It's not too late to bring someone along! Alpha continues Sunday nights through October and November from 5:30 pm, starting with a meal.

I'm also excited to visit the Waris, Enoch Kupla, and Pr Willy in Vanuatu. Roger is joining me, and we'll support local ministry and complete some solar installations on the Santo property. Please continue to pray for the team as they establish the church and preschool there.

I recently preached on 'our partnership in the gospel (Philippians 1:3-6). The Greek

word for Partnership is 'koinonia' which means fellowship, communion, distribution, sharing, contribution, participation.

These suffering saints partnered in the ministry of the gospel through:

- Prayer (Phil. 1:3,4)
- Giving financially (4:10, 15,16, 18,19)
- Moral and relational support (friendship) (v8; 4:1) – dear friends
- Example (1:27) – by their faithfulness and unity in contending for the gospel
- Proclamation (1:14; 2:16) – speaking the word courageously and fearlessly

Let's commit our hearts and hands to this great gospel work. **Pr Greg Crome**



## SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Pr Jeremiah and Delia Madimadi will share about their life and ministry in Tennant Creek during our evening service. This is a great opportunity to hear first hand from our wonderful missionaries from Papua New Guinea and the Philippines.



## GUEST MINISTRY Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October

The Walker family will be joining us for our morning service to lead us in praise and worship. Joel Groom will also be visiting us to bring the Word. We look forward to a wonderful morning of guest ministry.

# 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 all of our missionaries serving throughout the nations. Believe for fruitful ministries, good health and God's guidance in all they do. Benjamin and Asinate Wari, and Enoch Kupla are serving in Vanuatu. Pr Warwick, Pr Omega, Jethro and Warwick Jr are serving in the United States of America. Viema, Alisi and Ilisoni Jr are serving in Papua New Guinea. Pr Jeremiah, Delia and Nellie Winnie Madimadi are serving in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory.

## Tuesday Prayer Meeting at Church

- Everyone is welcome to join us for prayer at 11:45am every Tuesday.



## GUEST MINISTRY Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom will be ministering with us at the end of this month. Pr Mike is our lead pastor and it will be a great opportunity to invite people along to hear them. We look forward to having them with us.



## VANUATU VISIT 15<sup>th</sup> October - 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Pr Greg and Roger will be away in Vanuatu in the second half of October to finalise some equipment installation for solar, serving in the local ministry there, and encouraging missionaries Benjamin and Asinate, Enoch and Pr Willy.



# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF CRC FIJI

Although it has now been over 30 years since CRC Churches officially began in Fiji, this year marked a long-awaited milestone as churches, leaders, and members gathered for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Conference. Although slightly delayed, the anniversary was finally celebrated in August with great joy, unity and vision for the future.

The national conference for CRC Fiji was held on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August, bringing together delegates from Fiji, Australia and New Zealand. Pr Mike and Kelly Groom, Pr Barry Silverback, Rebekah and Taemin Lee from Adelaide Christian Centre were amongst the delegates. Themed 'The Way Forward', the conference featured morning, afternoon, and evening sessions focused on equipping leaders and inspiring the church for the next season of growth. Sessions included The Biblical Pattern that Builds, Bold and Courageous, Planning and Training for Success, Doing What it Takes, What is Still Important?, Breaking New Ground, and What the Future Looks Like.

On 28<sup>th</sup> August, a special preschool teacher training workshop was held for teachers of Bethel Crusade Preschools, a vital ministry of CRC Fiji. The day began with Faith Singh, one of our preschool teachers, outlining the standards of the Ministry of Education and the importance of professionalism, responsibility, reporting, financial management, outdoor play, child safety, and overall care in early childhood education.

Rebekah Lee and Heather Challis from Geelong then led practical sessions on Behaviour Management, Creative and Engaging Learning, and Story-Based Activities.

The training emphasised that effective behaviour management begins with relationships, not rules. Teachers were encouraged to build trust, create safe and predictable environments, and guide children through positive redirection. Practical strategies such as emotion coaching, calming techniques, and teamwork with parents were discussed during the workshop.

A second key focus was creative, play-based learning. Teachers were reminded that children learn best when actively engaged through role play, sensory activities, music, movement, and nature play. The workshop concluded with practical classroom ideas, including activities built around the children's book 'Where is the Green Sheep?', giving teachers hands-on tools to use in their preschools.

The celebrations concluded with a special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend, with services running from mid-morning until lunchtime on the Saturday and Sunday. The program included powerful times of worship, inspiring testimonies, media presentations, communion, preaching from the Word, and special items from churches across the nation.

The overall celebration was a true reflection of God's faithfulness over three decades of CRC in Fiji. We now have churches, preschools and ministry training running throughout the nation. We look forward to the future of our movement in Fiji.







# INVESTING IN GODLY MARRIAGES

We arrived in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG) on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, and were warmly welcomed to Bethel Christian Centre. We initially planned on going to PNG for our third Global Trainers' Conference (GTC). However, due to PNG's 50<sup>th</sup> Independence Day falling around the same time, we decided to postpone it. Instead, we ran a marriage seminar for staff, students, and pastors living at Bethel Christian Centre (BCC), as well as to engage with the wider Bethel community.

Our students are all enrolled in Bethel International Training College, where we offer four full-time courses. It was a privilege to invest in their understanding of Christ-centred marriage and encourage them to build strong, God-honouring relationships.

On the Thursday night, Mike also had the opportunity to lecture at Bethel Bible School, a part-time course for those living outside the centre. He spoke on marriage, reinforcing the principles from the seminar and encouraging couples to pursue God's design for family life.

We also spoke during one of the morning staff devotions at Sunrise Bethel Christian School, located on the Bethel Tabernacle of Praise (BTOP) property. We thoroughly enjoyed our time with the teachers and staff members.

During the marriage seminar at BCC, we focused on practical, biblical principles

for building strong, lasting marriages. We explored the importance of understanding and accepting each other, communicating effectively, guarding the heart, and forgiving as Christ forgave.

We emphasised that thriving marriages require intentionality, patience, and a willingness to grow together in character, humility and love. Those in attendance were encouraged to model God's example in their marriage, to express love through affection, affirmation, and attention, and to work through conflict constructively.

Even those who were single found the seminar valuable, gaining a deeper understanding of the qualities to seek in a life partner and the biblical principles that form the foundation of a strong and lasting marriage.

On Saturday morning, Mike also spoke at a men's meeting for the church, enjoying the opportunity to connect with the men and encourage them.

We were honoured to be part of BTOP's special 50<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration on Sunday, although we needed to leave before the service ended to catch our flight. The church was full of people dressed in their PNG colours, and the atmosphere was joyful as we celebrated the nation's milestone.

The Bethel community welcomed us with their usual warmth and hospitality, making this another memorable and impactful visit. Having returned to PNG many times over the years, it is always encouraging to reconnect with familiar faces and witness the continued faithfulness of God's people.

**Pr Mike and Kelly Groom**



## ONLINE PRESENCE

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

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

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## GIVING DETAILS

### Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our website: <https://www.newlifeonline.org.au/give/>.  
Press the 'Online Giving' button under the first option and follow the next steps.

### 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.

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