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JOINING HANDS TO

EVANGELISE NEW GUINEA

Dr. Rolf McPherson (left), President of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, with whom the Christian Revival Crusade has a working agreement for Missionary Evangelism in New Guinea, meets Leo Harris for discussions in Adelaide.

(See "New Guinea News" and "People and Places" in this issue.)



THE VOICE OF NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTRE

NOVEMBER 2025

WELCOME TO NLCC

Hi everyone! It's an exciting time for our church as we welcome Paolo into his new role as a pastor in NLCC. We'll be praying for Paolo, Ester and children on 9th November in our morning service.

There are many other things happening so please check it all out here and online and in our weekly newsletter at church.

We are also preparing for the Christmas season. Our carols night for 5th December is shaping up well so please register as soon as you can as there are limited seats. I encourage you to invite family and friends.

For we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7). Walking by faith is a daily choice. When we are tempted to doubt

or worry; it's in that moment we can choose to walk by faith. We do that by centring our minds on God's Word – his promises to us. If that large bill comes in confess, 'My God provides all my needs according to his glory in Christ Jesus'. If your child is sick declare God's promise of healing. If what you are planning doesn't seem to be working out confess God's promises to guide and prosper the work of your hands. All the promises of God are yes and amen in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 1:20). Great men and women of faith in the Bible and through history stand on the promises of God in faith; their testimony rings out for eternity.

God bless, know we are praying for you.

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 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.



INDUCTION OF PAOLO MANEGO Sunday 9th November

During our morning service on Sunday 9th November we will be holding a very special induction for Pr Paolo Manego. This will be a wonderful time of welcoming Paolo into his new role in NLCC and to pray for him and his family.



NEWCOMERS LUNCH Sunday 16th November

If you are fairly new in the church we invite you to enjoy some time together over lunch with the pastors and other folk from NLCC. We'd love to see you! Please register by texting Deb Cowell 0402857537. Lunch will begin at 12:15pm.



VOLUNTEER SUNDAY Sunday 30th November

During our morning service we'll be celebrating the people who do so much in the life of the church whilst giving thanks to God for all He has accomplished through His people. Don't miss this special day.

CAROLS AT CHRISTIES Friday 5th December

Join us at New Life Christies Centre from 5:30pm. There will be a free BBQ, games, carols, great music and a guest artist, Elena Gardiner. Registration is essential: www.newlifeonline.org.au/upcomingevents/carols-at-christies/



One of numerous gatherings held in the Town Hall



Crusade Hall soon after it was purchased



Crowds gather in Crusade Hall in 1961

REVIVALIST MAGAZINE

The Revivalist Magazine was published in Adelaide by Pr Leo Harris from the 1940s through to the 1970s. Over the years, its title varied slightly, though 'Revivalist' always remained part of the name.

As we celebrate 80 years of Adelaide Christian Centre this month, we wanted to share a few historical highlights in our November Connect News. We trust you enjoy reading through the following pages.

The following excerpts from past editions of the Revivalist Magazine capture some of the early gatherings in Adelaide and the beginnings of our global missions involvement in Papua New Guinea.

N.R.C. Holds Two Meetings in the Adelaide Town Hall

Blessings are continuing on the Adelaide Assembly of the National Crusade. During the past month 14 have received the Holy Spirit, 15 were baptised in water and several await the next baptismal service. Legacy House has been well filled on Sunday nights, and the attendances were more than doubled when two Sunday

night meetings, May 4th and 11th, were transferred to the Adelaide Town Hall... The assembly is in urgent need of larger and more suitable accommodation for its Sunday meetings. Will readers please remember this matter in prayer?

(The National Revivalist, July 1952)

Many Looking for Ministry of Healing and Deliverance

The CRC assembly is rapidly becoming known as Adelaide's Revival Centre, to which many are looking for healing and deliverance. The Sunday night rallies conducted by Pastor Leo Harris see a steady flow of new converts to Christ, and inspiring healing testimonies.

A 'Testimony Parade' on a recent Sunday night brought to the platform people telling how God had healed them of various sicknesses and the whole gathering joined in praising the Lord for His wonderful works. They included folk who told how God has set them free from the pain of Paget's disease and arthritis. Another healed of fibrositis, and another of mental sickness. One lady left her leg-iron behind with Pastor Harris because she no longer needed it!

A very recent healing was that of a thirteen-year-old boy who had been

totally deaf in one ear for five years. After prayer he could hear clearly with his good ear blocked. He later returned with his parents to say he could hear a watch ticking with his formerly stone-deaf ear!

On Tuesday night, July 26, another nine were baptised in water, and another nine names are already in for the next baptismal service.

(The Revivalist, September 1955)

Adelaide C.R.C. Assembly buys a City Building

Providentially, just as the Adelaide C.R.C. assembly was about to lay foundations for a new hall in the grounds of 'Sunrise House', Fullarton, which would have catered only for weeknight activities, a very suitable city building became available by auction.

Incidentally, we also received news that Legacy House, where we have gathered every Sunday for many years, was soon to be sold.

The building previously known as 'Kingdom Hall', at 33 Sturt Street, just one block from Legacy House, was to be auctioned on September 30. The Pastors, Elders and Business Council were unanimous in their conviction that this was God's provision of a centre for all our

activities - on Sundays and throughout the week. We decided we would not bid higher than £16,500, although at the time we had only £2,000 available, with £3,000 offered in interest-free loans !

The hall was eventually secured by the C.R.C. for £15,600.

At the time of writing (10/10/58) we still need another £2,000 in loans or gifts before the end of October when the purchase has to be finalised, but we know God will see this matter through. Then we shall need another £2,000 for minor alterations and furniture.

This new centre has a splendid auditorium seating 500, and numerous other rooms front and back. It is situated only four blocks south of the G.P.O., and in an area of the city that is rapidly developing and where values are rising. It is a type of building that can be easily resold if that should for any reason be desirable.

We expect to move all our activities into this new hall in the near future, as soon as alterations and furnishings are completed. We believe this place will become the centre of real Bible revival throughout Adelaide and further afield.

(Revivalist, November 1958)



Early missionaries waiting at Goroka airport



People leaving church after a service



Pr Leo Harris with children at the main station



Roadside communion preparations

Crowded Gatherings in Crusade Hall

Great interest has been aroused by the return to Adelaide of Pastor Leo Harris from his nine-month visit to the United States and Canada. There have been splendid gatherings at the three main services each week - Sunday afternoon and evening and Tuesday evening.

Sunday nights, Crusade Hall has been crowded to capacity, and Tuesday nights over 400 have been in attendance. Each week, souls have turned to Christ as Saviour and, in the four weeks from Pastor Harris' return until the present writing, 24 have been baptized in the Holy Spirit with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues.

There has been special interest in Pastor Harris' reports of his experiences overseas and in his presentation of the New Testament pattern for the Cluistian Church, "We must have revival right in our local churches," he said. "This is the pattern of the New Testament and it is the answer to the spiritual problems both in America and in our own land."

This is the concept and vision of the Commonwealth Revival Crusade - the establishment of local churches according to the New Testament pattern, and for such local churches to have the

fulness of the Holy Spirit's power in their midst.

(Revivalist, March 1961)

Challenge of New Guinea

A few miles to the north of our shores... lies the land of New Guinea, prominently featured in the news at this time. In New Guinea there are peoples...who have never heard of Christ. When they receive the Gospel from our missionaries, they are discovering for the first time that Jesus was born, and learning the reason for His coming.

1963 is opening a new chapter, both for this Crusade and for this mission field. Graduates from the Crusade Bible School are now planning to go to New Guinea to work under the supervision of this Foursquare Mission. The first three are expected to leave in December, 1962. Three more hope to be in New Guinea during the first few months of 1963. Others hope to follow at later dates.

The first C.R.C. workers are going to this field for the purpose of relieving the present missionaries of their many secular duties and thus releasing them for more direct missionary activity.

Sister Dorothy Kitto will serve in the capacity of a nurse; Brother Wayne

Bienvenu as a motor mechanic; and his wife, Jane, as a school teacher.

(Revivalist, December 1962)

The Miracle Story of New Guinea

Arriving at Goroka airport in the Eastern Highlands of New Guinea, it was a thrill to meet our six C.R.C. workers - Wayne and Jane Bienvenu, Dorothy Kitto, Bernice Halley, Merrilyn Teague and Pauline Kelly, together with Brother Tracey, of Perth, and Brother Mason Hughes, the Field Supervisor.

Later we travelled by Land-Rover over the 33 miles of narrow, hilly, winding corrugation - known in New Guinea as a road! At last we drove around a bend and there before us was the Hegeri station, nestling in the beautiful Dunantina valley...

What I saw at Hegeri that day and later in the many villages evangelized from this station, truly represented a miraculous work of God...

One day some months ago a village chief and his wife came to Hegeri. They accepted the Lord, and the wife was baptized in the Holy Spirit. The chief refused to go home until he too had received, and he stayed at the station several days until he was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Then he returned over the mountains to his village, told his people about the Lord, and prayed for them to receive the Holy Spirit. Twenty-five received the Pentecostal blessing.

One night at Hegeri we held a prayer meeting, and 5 local people were baptized in the Holy Spirit. I noticed one man who was enthusiastically praying for the seekers and I asked who he was. Yes, he was the same chief!..

Wherever I went amongst the people of New Guinea it was made so obvious that they love the full gospel message. So heartily they respond with their "hallelujahs", so readily they seek prayer for physical healing for themselves and their pikininis (children). Their hearts are open to the manifestation of the power of God and they are hungry for the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

(Pr Leo Harris reflecting on his visit to PNG in Revivalist, October 1964)

Opening of Crusade Bible School

If enrolments at Crusade Bible School are any indication of progress and success in the Christian Revival Crusade, then it is most certainly advancing with vigour and strength.

This year has seen the biggest enrolment



Pr Leo Harris addresses Crusade Bible School



Informal fellowship at recess time



Opening night for 1967 at Crusade Bible School

yet in the school. Thirty-seven second year students are completing their course. Sixty new students are beginning. The total enrolment is therefore ninety-seven. This is well in excess of last year's enrolment (also a record) of eighty.

What a thrill it was to see Sunrise Hall filled with over a hundred students and lecturers on the opening night!

Who can tell what will be the fruit of the months of training and study undertaken by these people? While Crusade Bible School is not conducted exclusively for the purpose of training ministers, this is still its main purpose. From among its numbers will come many who will serve the Lord as pastors, evangelists, teachers and missionaries.

Already there are young people in New Guinea as a result of Crusade Bible School. There are men pastoring assemblies, evangelizing and teaching in this country. The future will see this army strengthened by further Crusade Bible School graduate.

(Revivalist, April 1967)

Christian Revival Crusade Shown on T.V. Documentary

Monday, 22nd September, proved an auspicious occasion for the C.R.C. On

the evening of that day, 8 minutes of the A.B.C. television programme, 'This Day Tonight', were devoted to the Crusade.

Interest was focussed mainly on the gift of speaking with tongues. For this purpose a film crew had attended Crusade Hall, Adelaide, and recorded and filmed part of the Communion Service.

Thus, the documentary showed two people speaking aloud in tongues. It also gave a sample of the singing, showed the extent of the near-500 congregation, directed attention to the Bibles most of them used, gave a brief glimpse of Pastor Leo Harris preaching, and interviewed four people, including Pastor Harris.

Most C.R.C. people who viewed the film were impressed by the fair and comprehensive treatment of the subject matter.

Opportunity was given for explanation of what was happening and for brief exposition of the relevant Scriptures.

The dominant impression was of divine order and divine power operating among believers in Christ.

The film was shown in most states of Australia through the A.B.C. network.

(Revivalist, November 1969)

Pioneering in Papua

For some nine years the Christian Revival Crusade has operated in New Guinea on the basis of a working agreement with the Foursquare Gospel Mission. It has been a happy partnership and a very fruitful one. This joint missionary programme is continuing, and we hope that it will increase and develop still further as we work together in this field.

Recently, however, Pastor Barry Silverback, who served for three years in the Highlands of New Guinea, was challenged by the great needs in Papua, the Australian territory in the southern part of the New Guinea island. This area has been scarcely touched by the Full Gospel ministry. Two or three years ago the work at Cape Rodney, about 130 miles east of Port Moresby, under the leadership of Pastor Labu John Kaiulo became associated with the C.R.C. Now the Crusade is launching its own venture of faith and is sponsoring Brother Silverback as he plans to pioneer a new work and to establish a Bible School to serve this new area of Papua New Guinea.

Brother Silverback is currently in Port Moresby on an exploratory visit, after which he will report to us in Adelaide on the prospects and plans for this new

Crusade missionary outreach. He will then return to Papua with his wife and family in September.

This will give us two missionary outreaches, one in conjunction with the Foursquare Gospel Mission, mainly in the Highlands of New Guinea, and the other a direct Crusade responsibility in Papua.

Crusade people are already responding to the challenge of this new Papuan venture. Adelaide Assembly's offering for June exceeded \$3,500. Reports indicate that other assemblies are also rallying to meet this need.

(Revivalist, August 1971)

Crusade Hall, Adelaide

A real move of God is giving the Adelaide assembly the best year on record. In the first four months 86 have accepted Christ, with baptismal services being held almost every Sunday night and many being baptised in the Holy Spirit.

There have been some remarkable results in healing and deliverance, including a young woman who has been raised up after being confined to her bed or a wheelchair for six years in the Home for Incurables. As a result of deliverance ministry she is now walking and has been discharged from the Home for Incurables.



People entering GRC Bethel's opening service



Pr Barry Silverback leading the opening service



Showing the smart design of the front porch



Pr Leo and Belle Harris with Pr Barry to the right

Crusade Hall has been full and sometimes overflowing on Sunday nights and an air of expectancy fills every meeting.

(Revivalist, June 1972)

People and Places: Christies Beach, SA

Pastor Furler reports: During the September school holidays the Joy time Bible Clubs of Christies Beach, O'Sullivan's Beach and Reynella combined for a camp. This was the result of 12 months of Joytime Clubs, during which time a total of approximately 300 children have attended five different Clubs.

The camp was attended by 85 children and 25 workers. The Spirit of the Lord really moved in the camp in a wonderful way and the singing, testimonies, prayer and worship of the children thrilled all our hearts. The theme of the camp was 'Our Growth and Walk with Christ'.

Forty received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. There were numerous healings and some sincere dedications among a few very rebellious children.

(Revivalist, November 1972)

Harris Visits the Field

During December, Pastor and Mrs. Leo

Harris visited Papua New Guinea again. The main purpose of their visit was the official opening and dedication of the new Crusade church building in Port Moresby on December 8. The following is Pastor Harris's report.

December 8 was a day of great rejoicing. It was my privilege to officially open and dedicate the really splendid building which your offerings have enabled us to complete debt-free!

About 300 attended the opening, including folk from Youth With Mission, the Assemblies of God and other groups.

Long hours had been spent on the building under the direction of Pastor Barry Silverback and Brother Jack Kornaat, working from early morning until often late into the night. Barbara Buckland, Margaret Waixell and Vian Paterson from Adelaide, and a great team of local people shared in the work load. It was a dedicated team effort and a great credit to all concerned.

With the church building completed and paid for, we have given the go-ahead for the second stage, the erection of a house for the Silverbacks and workers. Let us believe together and see this next project completed. Other highlights of our visit were:

We spent two days at Gotomi station, with Wayne and Lorraine Bowering and their two little girls, Vegena and Litina - the latter born while Wayne was driving the vehicle over the treacherous 'road' to Goroka hospital! I had a meeting with about 20 workers and several leading men from the nearby villages.

Then back to Goroka for two days of fellowship with Dean and Nancy Paterson and Marilyn Teague. The Patersons report good results in the Goroka area. Marilyn has been appointed Dean of the Pidgin Bible School in Gotomi for 1974.

Then to Lae, to spend a night with Brother and Sister Mason Hughes who had just returned from furlough in U.S.A.

Back to Port Moresby for a busy Sunday of ministry comprising:

- 9.00 a.m. Morning Service.
- 11.30 a.m. Baptisms at a beach (in torrential rain!)
- 1.00 p.m. Fellowship Lunch.
- 2.00 p.m. Teaching Session.
- 4.00 p.m. Second Teaching Session.
- 5.30 p.m. Fellowship Tea.
- 7.00 p.m. Evening Service.

What a joy it was to fellowship with this fine assembly of young people who are so hungry for the Word of God.

Finally, to Cape Rodney, to spend a night at Lalaura Village, where Labu John Kaiulo is pastor.

After flying to Cape Rodney, we drove about three miles to Lalaura to be welcomed by a great crowd of village people, with grass skirts and bright flowers, singing and dancing, followed by speeches of welcome. And all this in heavy rain!

That evening we had a stirring service in the church, with characteristic, inspiring singing, then ministry of the Word, after which several came forward to confess Christ, many received healing in their bodies, and one lady received the baptism in the Spirit, speaking in English, according to reports.

With Air Nuigini recently taking over from T.A.A. and Ansett, with insufficient planes, and with the usual weather hazards, one learns to have patience when flying in P.N.G. After standing at the Cape Rodney air-strip for three hours, we saw a light plane flying in to take us back to Port Moresby, where we arrived at 7.15 p.m. - then off to a meeting starting at 7.30 p.m.

It was a very profitable trip, with much time spent...with our missionaries...

(Revivalist, February 1974)

ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.au

YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBqg4l1yAy_YQQ5c17STow

Facebook Page: 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: <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

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: www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla

Service Time: 10:00am