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# FROM THE EDITOR

**Mikaela Groom**

Welcome to our June edition of Pulse Magazine for 2021.

For this edition we have sourced ministry updates from various CRC nations. Despite the challenging times we are living in, there is still a great deal of work taking place throughout the world.

After reading through each of the articles that were sent through, my desire to visit the mission field has once again intensified. What a crazy time we are living in! I am sure I am not the only person looking forward to being able to travel internationally again. I long for the day we are able to visit our CRC family throughout the nations once again.

Although we are unable to travel, let us not forget about all of the ways we can support missions while we are at home. We can join together in prayer, communicate with one another online, offer financial support, keep up to date with what is going on (i.e. Facebook, CRC Missions website, Pulse Magazine etc), and so on.

At the end of this Pulse Magazine, Pr Jeremy Steel has written a report on the recent Pathway to Missions training weekend held in Orange, New South Wales. I attended the session held in South Australia a few months ago and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I encourage anyone interested in missions to attend when there is an opportunity near you if you are able.



# FROM THE AUSTRALIAN MISSIONS DIRECTOR

**Pr Mike Cronin**

The global situation continues to remain difficult with borders opening and closing due to Governments trying to control the spread of COVID-19.

In spite of this it is amazing to see our churches in many nations continue to fulfil the commission of Jesus to make disciples of all peoples.

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is God's equipment for us to fulfil His commission irrespective of world

conditions. It is not a mark of our spirituality, or a nice fuzzy experience for us to enjoy. Rather it is the equipment for a life of active service, laying down our lives for His greater purpose. Every one of us who is born again and baptised in the Holy Spirit is commissioned to continue His mission 24/7.

As Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 1:6, stir up the gift of the Holy Spirit in you, so we likewise are to stir up the enabling power of the Holy Spirit in us, praying in tongues, and moving forward to advance the gospel of Jesus in our world.

In this issue of Pulse we have the stories of a number of our pastors and leaders who are actively doing this and seeing great fruitfulness. Likewise we go forward born again, baptised in the Holy Spirit, carrying the fullness of the Holy Spirit and the power of God in us to be His witnesses in our world.

# SOLOMON ISLANDS REPORT

*Pr Ronny Asasai*

## **Answered Prayer**

Two years ago in a youth leaders' meeting we decided to raise money to purchase a new three ton truck. We got a quote for SBD \$330,000.00 and were encouraged to stay in faith and work towards the targeted amount. Thank God that after many fundraising efforts we were able to purchase a brand new three ton truck, which is used for youth and church activities.

## **Interdenominational Combined Youth Services**

Interdenominational combined youth services began eight years ago, initiated by our youth leaders. Our heart is to see all the youth in the city coming together for prayer, fellowship and fun. It began with only five youth groups but is continually growing; 20 additional youth groups have now joined.

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March we had the first combined program for this year in front of our National Museum. More than 1,000 youth attended. Our CRC youth led the worship. Many young people were touched by the power of God.

Our second youth combined service was held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April. The number of attendees increased. In the midst of the challenges we face today in our nation, our young people were encouraged to remain in God and allow him to be Lord over their lives.

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May we had a Jesus march from Honiara City Council up to National Parliament. Hundreds of youth joined us. We held a service in front of Parliament House. Some of the church leaders, including myself, had the chance to go into Parliament to pray and declare Jesus over the House.

## **Makira Outreach**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have not been able to visit our CRC churches in the provinces freely due to Government restrictions. However, I was able to visit Makira (San Cristobal) in August 2020 and stayed for a month. We have an outreach church there in a village called Manatawa, which means 'doorway to heaven'. John and Ekila Kikisia are our leaders there and they are doing a great job reaching communities with the Gospel.

## **Malaita Pastors' Ordination**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April, four of our leaders in Malaita were ordained as pastors. They have been faithfully serving the Lord and are now ordained to lead their congregations. Pr Jimmy Vasula, our National Chairman, and I went to Malaita to officiate this service. It was encouraging to see the men sacrificially giving themselves to serve God in this time and season. We are planning to do another ordination next year to ordain some of our young pastors. Please pray for these newly ordained ministers for God's strength and wisdom.

## **Open Air Outreach at Unity Square**

The Solomon Islands Ports Authority (SIPA) organised Easter activities at Unity Square. Our youth were invited to

commence the 'Easter Spirit'. The activities were open to the public and an invitation went out via the media.

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April around 40 youth, supported by our church members, gathered at Unity Square. We began the Easter program with live music from the Gateway Music Team. The youth then presented a skit, 'This Blood' by the artist Carman, and an action dance, 'Above All' by Lenny LeBlanc. The program drew in many people who were passing by. We had a great opportunity to share the Word of God, and to rejoice and be thankful for what Christ did on the Cross.

SIPA thanked the youth with a small donation. We thank the Lord that He used Christians in SIPA to facilitate preaching the Gospel in such areas. We have seen this grow as youth continue to gather, pray, sing and preach in Unity Square. We give all glory to God.

## **Secret Operation Program**

Secret Operation is one of our youth outreach programs for 2021 - reaching out to others through good deeds, not just words. Our young people avail themselves to do physical work, extending their help in the communities around us without notifying the community leaders or house owners.

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, a number of us cleaned around four houses. The owners were speechless. We told them we wanted to bless them and that we expect nothing in return. We told them we care for them and we want them to know the love of God. We are planning more Secret Operations in the coming months. All glory to God.

## **Night Bible School**

Training is an important pillar in the life of a local church. Our church members need to know the Word of God. As we train people in the Word of God they grow in maturity. Training that includes character development, Biblical knowledge and practical ministry skills is significant. Our Night Bible School runs on Tuesday nights from 7-9pm. We have more than 20 church members attending. We will have a graduation on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of July.

## **Sunday School Discipleship Training**

Our Sunday School children have completed their discipleship training. This program is for children who have given their hearts to Jesus and want to know more about Him. Our children's ministry leaders run the program for one hour every Saturday.

It is a blessing to see our children wanting to learn more about God. They also learn how to reach out to others in their schools, homes and communities. This year's program ended on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May. A graduation followed on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May. 32 children, ages 3-14 years, graduated from the training.

## **Water Baptism**

Following some teaching on water baptism, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 11 of our youth took a bold step and were baptised in water. What a joy to see these young youth openly declaring that the old has gone and new has come. This decision of being water baptised truly reflects the heart of the Gospel message - Jesus died, He was buried and He rose again.



## UPDATE ON THE WORK IN VANUATU

### Pr Remy Adams

First of all, we would like to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His protection over our nation from this global pandemic as we are still free from cases of COVID-19. Despite this, we still have travel restrictions in place, particularly on international travel.

We praise God that we can still travel nationally as normal to visit our churches in the provinces, as well as conducting church services and social gatherings. This update will feature church work not only in Port Vila, but also in our provinces. The activities in this report cover 2020 and early 2021.

### Church Planting

Vanuatu is made up of six provinces and we have a vision to plant churches in every province by 2025. We have reached five provinces, with one to go.

We have six churches in our nation. Two of these churches were planted last year - one in Torba Province and the other in Tanna Province. We also have four outreach churches.

In January this year I travelled with our youth ministry to our church in Emau to visit Pr Amy Henry and to help him build his house. We also conducted crusades in his church during this time.

In March I travelled to visit our pastors in their churches in other provinces to encourage them during this critical time. I also used this opportunity to promote our World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS).

### Ministry Training

Our WMFTS facilities in Santo were badly damaged by Cyclone Harold last year. The school was subsequently put on hold while facilities were repaired. I arranged for a team to go on two trips to Santo to work on the repairs.

As a result of the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and Cyclone Harold, the staff and the students of WMFTS went through a lot of stress and emotional challenges. Out of the five students that were enrolled in the school for the 2019/2020 intake, only one faithful girl completed her studies and graduated. Her name is Lorinda and she is now serving as one of our preschool teachers in Port Vila. The other four students were not able to complete their studies. This year, we are planning to reopen the school and are waiting for the students to enter and commence classes.

Training in God's Word is very important so we also maintain our night Bible school classes through the Door Step Night Bible School. This is part of the discipleship training for new souls saved in our church in Port Vila. These classes provide an opportunity for students and members of our church with full-time employment to study the Word of God. Last year on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December we celebrated the tenth graduation of the Bible School with two faithful students graduating.

### Preschools

We have two preschools in Vanuatu. One in Port Vila, CRC Vanuatu Preschool, and the other one in Eratap, Etariu Preschool. We currently have five

teachers. Four teachers are serving in our Port Vila preschool and one teacher is serving in our Etariu preschool.

This year our school program is still going with 22 students in Port Vila and 12 students in Etariu. In our preschool in Port Vila we feed our students with lunch and also provided a day care for children whose parents have full-time employment working in the Government or the private sector.

Last year we celebrated our fifth graduation ceremony for our eight graduating students. These students will continue as grade one students in primary schools around town.

### Youth Ministry

This year we had a successful Youth Easter Camp on Pele Island with a lot of fun, games and teaching on the theme 'Characteristics of Good Christian Leaders'. We also held crusades during the nights. At the end of the Easter Camp a number of youth gave their lives to Jesus and were water baptised.

### Conclusion

During this COVID-19 pandemic our churches are facing financial challenges. Some of our churches are in the process of rebuilding after damage caused by Cyclone Harold.

We are planning to reopen WMFTS this year but we still have some more repair work that needs to be completed.

We welcome any financial support towards our churches, preschool or training schools. If you would like to support the work here in Vanuatu, please contact CRC Missions office.



# BETHEL CRUSADE PRESCHOOLS FIJI

*Pr Alipate Yagomate*

This report contains updates of work that has been done in our Daku, Savusavu and Nacavanadi preschools following Cyclone Ana earlier this year.

In the last week of January we left for Savusavu to start the work of dismantling the preschool from its old location to move it to a new location. The new location has been given to us by a land owner near the place the preschool was previously located.

The land owner gave us a place to relocate the school temporarily until we are able to secure permanent land to build the new school. It took us four weeks to dismantle and rebuild the school. We hired two carpenters and a labourer for the work. We also had the help of our Savusavu church boys.

After finishing the rebuilding work, the preschool reopened for 2021 on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March. 34 children are currently enrolled in the preschool.

We thank Pr Mike Groom for providing funds to construct a road to the new property, as well as to cover the cost of materials used for the new facility, including two toilets.

In the third week of January Boila and I left for Daku from Savusavu to assist in repairing the school from damage caused by Cyclone Ana. We repaired the facility, fixed all the windows that were broken and redid the painting. We

went back to Savusavu after spending three days in Daku. This year we have six children currently enrolled in the preschool.

I want to thank Pr Mike once again for helping us with the finances needed to complete the repair work in Daku.

We stayed in Nacavanadi village during the time we worked on the Savusavu preschool. After working on the Savusavu preschool during the day we would go back to the village at night to continue repairing the Nacavanadi Preschool.

We fixed the damage caused by Cyclone Ana, including repairing the fence, fixing the gate, replacing the louvres and repainting the building. We currently have 22 children enrolled in the Nacavanadi preschool.

In addition to these three preschools, we have 75 children enrolled in our Suva preschool, 32 in our Lakena preschool, 18 in our Koro Island preschool, 51 in our Sigatoka preschool and 9 in our Labasa preschool.

I want to thank Waurn Ponds Community Church for sending funds for the fencing of Savusavu preschool and Nacavanadi preschool.

This fencing job has been put on hold as we experienced a time of lockdown here in Suva due to COVID-19 being very serious at the moment. Everything was shutdown with no businesses open. We will return to Savusavu to finish the fencing work when we are able.

Thank you for the prayers and the support we are receiving from you all.



## NEWS FROM CAMBODIA

### Pr Sina Ourn

Cambodia had very few cases of COVID-19 in 2020 (a total of 400 reported cases and no deaths).

However, unfortunately in 2021 the first officially recorded death came in March, and the number of cases increased to approximately 600 cases per day in April/May, out of a population of nearly 17 million.

These cases were primarily in Phnom Penh and the southern part of the country.

As in many countries, COVID-19 has had an effect through the whole population with food shortages, rising prices, fear and mental anguish.

Nonetheless, the Gospel has continued to go forth in many amazing ways.

Pr Sina Ourn, one of our CRC ministers in Cambodia, has continued to minister very effectively amongst the rural poor population, especially the widows and orphan children.

The following updates are some of the amazing things that Pr Sina and his team, including Pr Rebecca Hartskeerl from Reveal Church in Melbourne, have been involved in throughout April and May this year.

Seventy families living in a village near the mountains on the western side of Cambodia had great difficulty in getting drinking water. Led by Pr Sina, pastors in Kampong Chhnang worked with the Commune leaders and a Buddhist priest in a powerful unity to raise money (USD \$4,000.00) to hire a truck and build a dam for water.

In a program to build positive relationships between local pastors and village chiefs a goal was set to reach 32 villages in the Kampong Chhnang Province with gifts of food.

The village chief was to identify two needy unbeliever families and himself, as well as two believing families and one pastor who would all receive gifts. This has helped to get the village chiefs and the pastors working together.

Pr Sina and his team have continued to go from home to home and from person to person, sharing the Gospel and praying for the sick. As a result of this 40 people were born again and then all were baptised together in the church in May.

Other baptism services this year have seen 31 people baptised in the river and another 26 people baptised in the church.

Pr Sina now has 33 village home churches, all led by people he has raised up.

Recently they have been working on rebuilding a home for an old widow that was destroyed in a storm. His team raised \$300 for this project and the Village Chief also provided finance. This type of project helps people to see Jesus really loves them and that He opens the way for them to be born again.

Another very constructive project to help feed poor families has been to build a large fishpond – steel frame and thick plastic lining, a bit like a swimming pool. Local fish are raised in the pond and within a year are suitable for personal use or for sale.

There is always a way to show the love of Christ in meeting practical needs and sharing the good news of the Gospel.

# UPDATES FROM AFRICA

## CRC Church at Nyankanda Refugee Camp in Burundi *Pr John Zembwe*

I am delighted to update you on the construction of the church at Nyankanda Refugee Camp. It is very encouraging to see how far construction of the church building has reached. The money that we sent was enough to complete the roofing for the building as planned. The church is relatively big - 30 metres long and 15 metres wide. It is the first big Pentecostal church building in the area.

Although the dream is not yet attained, the stage we have reached is very encouraging. Because of the big size of the building, the church's elders used a lot of timber that cost them a lot of money. I truly take this opportunity to thank our brothers and sisters in the Nyankanda church, especially Pr Magorwa and Brother Guy for their stringent supervision of the construction. It was through their such stance and efforts that made the achievement possible. Although construction of the building is not fully completed, the pace of the construction gives us hope to complete the construction soon.

The elders of the CRC Nyankanda refugee church asked me to deliver their report to you. They also urged me to express their gratitude to Pr Phil and Norma Cayzer in particular, to Pr Mike and Lois Cronin, and generally to all

CRC Australia leaders and all members of the CRC movement.

The pastor of the church and his elders, continue to request your support until the church is completed. They said that through the construction of the church, CRC Churches International speaks loudly by actions and communicates pragmatically in Burundi.

The news that encouraged me and surprised many people, is what I heard from the Coordinator of the department of women. She said that due to the pain of not having a place to gather for worship, and especially the difficulties they encounter during the rainy season when they gather under trees, women themselves are strongly supporting the construction work with their own hands. Others sold their clothes and contributed the money to help in the construction of the church. She said that she encourages a big group of women to support the church builders with food to provide them with energy they need to continue constructing the church as they should.

I personally thank all of our Australian brethren for their considerable contributions in helping our brethren at Nyankanda Refugee Camp. I am also moved in the way those brothers at the camp, defy their destitute-like status of being refugees and make their contribution to the construction of the church building in kind. They do so, knowing that although they have no money to contribute, they have life and strength which they owe to God. This is because they even get their food for survival from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

## New Bible School in Mauritius *Pr Vishnu Durgadoo*

Our CRC International Missions Bible College (IMBC) courses are going well. We started a Certificate course last year with nine students. We have two trainers - Pr Atish Lugun and I.

We are currently working through our eighth book, Bible Prophecy, and will end the course with our ninth book, Hermeneutics. God willing, we shall conduct our first Certificates award in September 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have to run our classes via Zoom.

## CRC Church in Arua, Uganda

The CRC Church in Arua, Uganda was involved in a food security action by procuring and distributing food to needy families in the community around it during the COVID-19 lockdown and restrictions. Glory to God. That is what faith is about. When not so, it is dead (James 2:14-26). Caring for the less fortunate in society is Jesus' way of expressing Christian love and care (Matthew 25:31-46).

## Biggest Training and Graduation Ever of IMBC Students in Kasulu, Tanzania

Under the able leadership and mobilization of Pr Said Apambwe James, 115 students registered for the IMBC courses in Kasulu, Tanzania last year. Out of them, 98 graduated recently. The rest are still continuing with their studies. We thank God for the achievement, particularly for enabling the big enrolment and for using Pr James the way He did.





# PATHWAY TO MISSIONS

CONNECTING, TRAINING AND RESOURCING YOUR MISSIONARY JOURNEY

## PATHWAY TO MISSIONS

*Pr Jeremy Steel*

Pathway to Missions is a new initiative consisting of four steps to connect, train and resource people for missionary service.

No matter if you are new to missions, or are wanting to refire your passion for missions, this program is for you.

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March we held our first Pathway to Missions seminar at Christian Family Centre Seaton in Adelaide. A group from Alice Springs joined us via Zoom.

Pr Barry Silverback shared wonderfully from his years of missionary service. It was also a pleasure to conclude the day with Julie Fonorito and Rachelle Hardy sharing inspirational stories of their own missionary journey.

In early June the Pathway to Missions Seminar was conducted in Orange, New South Wales (NSW). They turned up the freezers for us, but we escaped just before the snow fell.

Pr Dan Taylor and the church did a fantastic job hosting the seminar. It was great to see so many people from all over NSW connecting together around missions.

All those who are from Victoria (VIC) or Tasmania, make sure you book in for Pathway to Missions on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July at Turningpoint Church, Cranbourne East, VIC.

You can register for this event online at [www.turningpointchurch.org.au](http://www.turningpointchurch.org.au) or you can contact Pr Norma Cayzer.

The second step of the Pathway to Missions initiative is a one week Missionary Training Intensive. This will be coming in 2022. Please keep an eye out for details that will be released in the future.

**Speakers: Pastors Barry Silverback & Jeremy Steel**

This event is for those who have a passion and desire to be involved in missionary service in the nations. Whether it be long-term, short-term or a missions trip – this weekend is for you.

### VICTORIA

Turningpoint Church (Generations Hall, 1785 South Gippsland Highway, Cranbourne East - opposite Devon Road)

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021 | 9.30am-5pm  
followed by an international meal

**Cost: \$30**

Online registration: [turningpointchurch.org.au](http://turningpointchurch.org.au) (click events)

To register your interest please contact  
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The Kids Can Do Missions curriculum features some of our CRC missionaries in various countries, but most importantly, it is designed to teach children the importance of missions.

We believe that God can, and does, call many of our missionaries to the mission field in their childhood years.

**This curriculum can be used at any time but we suggest using it in the month of July, prior to the National Missions Day.**

## Upcoming Events

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING**

Thursday 22 July, 2021

**NATIONAL MISSIONS SUNDAY**

Sunday 25 July, 2021