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FROM THE EDITOR

Mikaela Groom

Our third edition of Pulse for 2022 features articles from a range of countries throughout Africa, along with the Philippines, the United States of America (USA), Fiji, Australia and Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are easing more and more. It is great to see our CRC personnel recommencing their travel to our fields. What a joy it is to reconnect with old and new friends, and enjoy time in fellowship with one another.

This edition includes reports on various trips that have taken place in recent months and that are continuing to take place at the time of writing. I look forward to reading more reports from more trips as this year goes on.

Please pay close attention to the article on page 14 discussing Pr Jeremiah and Delia Madimadi's exciting new journey to the outback of Australia. They have arrived in Australia and are looking forward to serving as missionaries at Tennant Creek Christian Family Church.

On Sunday 31st July we celebrated our National Missions Sunday. An offering was taken up for the interior fitting out of our new training facility currently under construction at Bethel Centre in Port Moresby, PNG. A report on how much has been raised so far can be found inside.



FROM THE AUSTRALIAN MISSIONS DIRECTOR

Pr Mike Cronin

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you...” Isaiah 60:1-4

These words from the prophet Isaiah are very relevant to us today. “Arise shine...” It is time not to hide our light, but to let it shine in the dark places of our world.

This is happening as people are again moving out on mission trips and strengthening and encouraging our brothers and sisters in other nations.

“Lift up your eyes and look about you.”

There are opportunities wherever we look to share the glorious good news of Jesus Christ.

As we do this our international vision of a “Presence in Every Nation by 2045” will be fulfilled.



EXPANDING WORK IN AFRICA

Roslyn Stuart

CRC International Missions Bible College

Many nations in Africa have become very strict and are now requiring any person taking up a leadership role in their church to have a theological certificate.

CRC International Missions Bible College (IMBC) provides the necessary qualifications to CRC pastors and leaders across Africa.

However, IMBC is much more than just an avenue for providing certificates.

IMBC is based on the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:19-20 and Mark 16:15 and it has the vision to train and equip men and women to preach the gospel to all creatures, in order to make disciples and plant churches.

This vision and this process is intended to be repeated time and time again across each nation.

From 2019 when IMBC began until today, there have been around 1,240 students who have either completed a course or are currently studying our Certificate or Diploma course.

Approximately 910 students have either completed the Certificate course or are still studying.

Approximately 331 have either completed the Diploma course or are still studying.

Our vision is for the majority, if not all, of the students enrolled in the Bible college to enter into ministry either during the time they are completing their studies or after they have finished. Praise God.

In recent months Pr Phil Cayzer and missionary John Zembwe have been travelling around 12 nations in Africa and have attended nine graduation ceremonies in five countries.

Praise God for the trainers who spend time training the students and for the students who are willing to study so they will be able to serve God in a much fuller way.

CRC International Missions Africa

At the inaugural CRC Africa pastors' conference, which was held in Mwanza Tanzania in October 2021, those in attendance proclaimed that they

believe they can reach every African nation by 2035.

This vision is certainly on track as can be seen through Pr Phil and John's journey as they travel from country to country around Africa.

They have been witnessing the hunger of the people to join with the CRC movement because of the whole Word teaching that the CRC preaches and provides.

God has been going before Pr Phil and John throughout their travels and He is preparing the way for them to connect with pastors and leaders from all around Africa.

They have had opportunities to meet with pastors and leaders in countries that the CRC has not previously had contacts in - Angola, South Africa and Mozambique.



If time permits, there are people in a number of other countries that are open to meeting with them - Botswana, Ethiopia, Liberia, Ghana, Swaziland and Madagascar just to name a few.

John is staying on for an extra month to continue reaching out to some of these nations.

In one of the biggest refugee camps in the world, Kyaka 2 in central Uganda, God made a way for IMBC to train students with 46 graduating.

Studying at IMBC has brought incredible change in many students who have fled their countries because of the fear and atrocities happening there.

After completing the Bible college their lives have been transformed, so much so, that they are no longer looking for revenge, but they can now see a bright future where they have the opportunity

and commission to share the love of God and bring change to the world and a decrease in violence through the restorative love of God.

A student reported that they escaped from a small village in their war-torn country with no education.

Having this opportunity to study in Bible college has not only helped them become more familiar with the scriptures, but they have also had the opportunity to improve their literacy skills.

Through the learning of valuable reading and writing skills, this individual has been able to change their family's outlook on life.

They are also developing their English ability which will enable them to achieve greater advancement in their nation. Praise God.

In the town of Sirari in Tanzania on the Kenyan border God is at work there.

Sirari was under a stronghold of witchcraft and Satanic worship, but there has now been a mighty move of God.

A number of churches have been established and there are 46 students currently studying their IMBC Certificate course.

These students will graduate towards the end of this year.

Pr Joseph has seen many miracles, some of which include three people being raised from the dead. Praise the Lord.

We pray for strength, protection and confidence for these students as they preach the gospel in Sirari and the surrounding regions.

As Pr Phil and John's missions trip is in its final stages, they ask for your support in prayer.

Please join them in believing that God would sweep across Africa in a way that has never been seen before.

If you have a desire to be part of this work there are a number of ways that you can be involved:

1. Prayer support
2. Financial support
3. Joining a short-term missions trip
4. Volunteering to help out with the administrative side of what God is doing in Africa (this is a current need)

Further information about IMBC and CRC International Mission Africa can be found at www.crccollege.org.

May God bless you and keep you.

MISSIONARY TO THE PHILIPPINES

Gwen Hageyo

Greetings from CRC Missions Global Outreach (CMGO) in Pasig, Philippines where I have been based since just before the COVID-19 pandemic began.

My missionary journey has been going great here in the Philippines and it is a blessing just being able to be part of God's work.

Part of my involvement here has been helping with the Missions Live Stream segments that we air on our Facebook page every Thursday.

Some of the segments that are featured in our live streams are missionary quotes, the missions prayer brochure, missionary reports, missions Zoom and more.

This initiative is a great opportunity to get the church well informed on the work of missions in the nations.

It also encourages their continual involvement in supporting missions through prayer and giving.

Our praying and giving to God is firstly motivated by our love for Him and secondly because it is our obligation to do so.

I have also been conducting lectures via Zoom with the Evangelos International Training Institute (EITI) in Imphal, India, teaching on the subject of 'Jesus The Missionary'.

Towards the middle of this year, I had the privilege of visiting Cebu city again and had an awesome time of fellowship with our family church there, followed by a baptismal service.

It was a great catch up time with the youth and the leaders of the church as well; it had been seven years since I last saw them.

I praise God for His Church and the leaders' commitment to God and His work.

What a blessing to have received the opportunity I had to visit Cebu.

I was reminded of a lesson learnt in ministry about how much of an impact it has on people when you are able to show up.

Back here in our Pasig base, ministry teams have been visiting outreaches within the country.

Right now as I am writing this report, we have two teams that are preparing to leave this weekend to two different places.

The joy of serving the Lord is an exciting sight to behold.

This joy is the kind that encourages and inspires others to get involved and be part of God's great work.

We do our part and we leave the rest up to God, the owner of the field.

We commit to trusting God enough to know that He is the one that causes the seed that is planted to grow.

God's blessings to you all.





HUGHES FAMILY UPDATE

Pr Warwick Hughes

Hello from Walhalla, South Carolina, USA. It has been just over four years since we as a family came to the USA. It certainly has been challenging for us. You would think it's easy to come and live amongst everyday English speaking people, but it has its challenges when you realise that the way English is spoken here is different. A good number of the foodstuffs are similar, but can be prepared for eating very differently, and some of the meals eaten for breakfast, lunch and dinner here are very different. Even the way we may think in some things as a Christian can be different to the way Christians think here.

I remember asking for some chips in a restaurant to have with my lunch. Thinking I was going to get a pile of deep fried hot potato chips that you get when you have fish and chips, instead I got a pile of potato chips out of a packet you buy in the shop. I was totally shocked and one person said you got what you asked for. He said you should have asked for french fries. Well, I learnt my lesson and have never asked for chips again but french fries.

When we first came to Walhalla we focussed on bonding with people in the church family. We focussed on this for three years and it has been really good as we have gotten to know everyone and they have gotten to know us.

Earlier this year Jesus put this scripture strongly on my heart from John 4:38 (The Passion Translation). It says, "I have sent you out to harvest a field that you

haven't planted, where many others have labored long and hard before you. And now you are privileged to profit from their labors and reap the harvest."

Based on that scripture we set a goal in January 2022 that in the next three years we are believing to double the amount of people we have in the church. We are seeing that happen slowly. It is exciting to see what God is doing here in Walhalla.

Omega and I had a burden for the few young children and teenagers we have in the church. We had three small children aged 4-5 years and three teenagers in the church family. Omega and I had a burden to do something like a children's church for these young ones. We had experimented with some ideas then we had a young couple we know well come along with their two children and they offered to run a

children's church. We have since seen the younger ones excited about being in children's church and the teenagers being involved in some leadership roles. It is such a blessing to all of us.

As a family, education for our two boys has been a big adjustment. The system used here took some time to adjust to and get our heads around. Then with us closing the school for a time, finding a school to put the boys in became a big challenge. At one stage it looked like things were not working out too well for one of our boy's schooling. But by the grace of God and looking prayerfully to Jesus it worked out. Our boys are now doing online Christian Education.

We have been blessed and encouraged with the recent visit of Pr Mike and Kelly Groom, along with Mikaela Groom and Shekinah Sagun. They have blessed us tremendously. Thank you.



During the church service on the Sunday morning, Mike commissioned Pr Alipate's son, Ritchie, as the Senior Pastor of Bethel Christian Family Centre, Suva. It was a great morning as we all shared in a wonderful time of celebration. There were many people in attendance.

We really enjoyed the fellowship with everybody during our time in Suva. It was fantastic to see so many young people, and many others, being so enthusiastic and encouraged by what God has in store for the local church there in Suva.

On the following Monday we stopped in at Sigatoka on our way back to Nadi to see Pr Pritum and Pr Faith Singh once again. We left Mikaela there and she spent the night and following morning with Pr Pritum and Pr Faith.

On the Tuesday morning she attended the preschool with Pr Faith and her team. She took photos of the property, preschool and the children and enjoyed seeing what takes place during a morning session.

Mikaela has travelled to Fiji numerous times before and had been in and out of our different preschools, however, she had not spent a whole morning in one. She really enjoyed her time and was inspired by the hard work being put in by the teachers. She also found the children very cute!

We are blessed to be part of the work of God in Fiji. I praise God for the many friendships that have been formed as we have partnered together to pursue all that God desires for the nation of Fiji and beyond.

RETURNING TO FIJI

Kelly Groom

On Tuesday 12th July, Mike, Mikaela and I headed to Fiji. It had been at least three years since any of us had visited Fiji. We were excited to see everyone again. We landed in Nadi and headed straight to Sigatoka to attend the CRC Fiji National Conference.

What a joy it was to spend three days with everyone! Pastors and leaders had come from Lautoka, Nadi, Sigatoka, Suva, Lakena, Labasa and Savusavu. Pastors and leaders from Melbourne and Geelong were also there.

The theme of the conference was 'Rise to the Call', and we were all reminded of the original vision of the CRC in Fiji.

We were especially challenged to be purposeful in evangelism, church planting, pioneering new frontiers and the need to train and send out missionaries.

It was so special to be reunited with old friends and discover new ones. As we sat around the meal table it was so good sharing stories together and catching up with everyone.

One morning I was sitting across from Immanuel, one of the leaders in the Suva church. It was after a session where Mike spoke and reminisced about the early days of the CRC in Fiji. Immanuel told me that he was baptised by Mike when he came to Fiji for the very first time back in 1996. Immanuel was four back then. He is now 30 and is faithfully serving the Lord. Pretty cool!

We headed to Suva after the conference and stayed with everyone

on the church property. Mike and I stayed with Boila and it was very special being with her, along with Boila's children, Salote and Ritchie, Ritchie's wife, Maca, and Boila's grandchildren, Daniel and David.

On the Saturday we attended a memorial service for Pr Alipate Yagomate. The service was planned for the first anniversary of his passing. It was such a meaningful time with many people sharing their memories of Pr Alipate, encouraging and comforting everyone.

Boila also shared and spoke of her experience over the past year, especially in how she has handled grief and the loss of her husband. Boila is doing so well and her courage and resilience is to be admired. She is such a beautiful lady and special friend and I loved being there with her.



MISSIONARIES TO THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK

Pr Jeremiah, Delia and Nelliewinnie Madimadi have arrived in Australia and are preparing to go to Tennant Creek as missionaries.

Pr Jeremiah will take on the Senior Pastor position of our CRC church in Tennant Creek, Tennant Creek Christian Family Church.

Pr Jeremiah and Delia are faithful servants and experienced leaders who have been serving at Bethel Centre in Port Moresby, PNG.

Pr Jeremiah is from Milne Bay province in PNG and has been serving at Bethel Centre since he completed his ministry

training many years ago. Delia is a missionary from the Philippines who has also been serving at Bethel Centre for several years now.

They arrived in Adelaide from PNG on Tuesday 20th September. They will spend three weeks in Adelaide for some orientation and to attend the CRC National Conference.

Pr Mike Groom will take them to Tennant Creek on Wednesday 12th October to settle them in and introduce them to the church as their new leaders.

Pr Jeremiah and Delia are excited about relocating to Tennant Creek. Although their loss may be felt in PNG, their hearts for God and their dedication to His call are very inspiring. We look forward to hearing regular updates from them during their missionary service in Tennant Creek.

NATIONAL MISSIONS DAY REPORT

One of the most effective ways to empower men, women and children in PNG is through education. The focus of the CRC's National Missions Day for 2022 was to contribute to equipping people from PNG and beyond.

A new training facility is currently under construction at Bethel International Training College (BITC), located on the grounds of Bethel Centre in Port Moresby, PNG. This facility will feature a preschool, three classrooms, a library and study area, and office space for the training staff.

This year's offering focused on fitting out the new facility with the resources

and equipment needed to run a preschool and BITC's training courses, such as furniture, educational resources, preschool equipment, TV screens, internet and more.

Thank you to every church and individual who has contributed towards the offering in July. At the time of publication, we have raised \$22,652.24 from nine different churches.

If you would like to contribute towards this important cause, you can send funds to the CRC Missions Office.

Account Name: CRC Missions International
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Please send an email to finance@crcmissions.org with notification of your donation.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSIONS TRIPS IN 2023

You can be involved in Missions in 2023. Watch out for more specific details for:

January: Mauritius - Pr Phil Cayzer

June/July: 50 year celebration of the CRC in PNG, Women's Convention PNG - Pr Norma Cayzer

August/September: Africa - Pr Phil Cayzer

There will be many other trips in 2023 from local churches to various nations.

PATHWAY TO MISSIONS SEMINAR

More missionary training days are coming up in 2023. Further details will be released for:

March: South Australia

June: New South Wales

TBC: Victoria