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FROM THE EDITOR

Mikaela Groom

Welcome to our final edition of Pulse Magazine for 2021.

Pulse magazine throughout 2021 has featured numerous updates from pastors and workers in many of the nations we are involved in as a CRC movement worldwide.

It has been great reading through the reports and seeing that so much work continues to take place around the globe despite the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

In our December edition we have reports from the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Mauritius, Australia and the Philippines. As I read through the articles I am encouraged by the great efforts of our CRC personnel.

I was particularly encouraged by Pr Ronny Asasai's mention of the young people from our CRC church in Honiara getting involved in cleaning up the city after the riots and looting that took place at the end of November. Despite the devastation caused to the city, our young people willingly sacrificed their time in an effort to clean up their city. What an amazing attitude and a true testament to our Gateway Centre church.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I'm excited for all that Pulse has to offer in 2022.



FROM THE AUSTRALIAN MISSIONS DIRECTOR

Pr Mike Cronin

The last two years have been very challenging and seemingly unproductive to many people. For many it has been like the situation described by the prophet Habakkuk.

Habakkuk 3:17 says, "Though the fig tree does not blossom and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails, and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls."

But Habakkuk doesn't stay there. He lifts his face to the living God who strengthens and enables us to rise to the heights.

Habakkuk 3:18-19 says, "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour. The Sovereign Lord is my strength, He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to tread on the heights."

The result of this is that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord (Habakkuk 2:14).

As you read through this issue of Pulse you will see again plenty of evidence of our CRC Churches, around the world, rising to very significant forward steps.

It is exciting to be part of a movement where people are not focused on the difficulties and disappointments in the world around us, but rather on the amazing resources in the Lord our God.

We have a vision from God and we are moving forward to see that vision fulfilled.

Wishing you are blessed Christmas and a New Year of great victories.

SOLOMON ISLANDS UPDATE

Pr Ronny Asasai

Mahu Night Rally

Mahu Outreach Church is 35 minutes drive from Gateway Centre Church. On 17th September our youth went to Mahu for a night rally program. Families from nearby communities also attended the program.

We had an awesome night filled with God's presence as we gathered together proclaiming God's Word through preaching and singing. One of our young trainee pastors Francis Amasia preached on *Making the Right Choice*. Four young men accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour into their lives. A woman who has been influenced and tormented by an evil spirit was delivered and gave her heart to Jesus.

Through the great power of the Holy Spirit, lives were healed, delivered and restored as people surrendered their lives to Christ. Praise His name for the great things He has done.

Embracing the Broken

Roslyn comes from South Malaita. She is a mother who has been through a lot of pain and was broken with no hope. One glorious day she met my wife Ruth and began to share her problems and what she was going through. Tears of hopelessness filled her eyes as she was telling her story.

Her husband had an affair with another woman and left her struggling with her

children. Her husband is not accepted back into the community by Roslyn's relatives. She had no one to turn to.

When she finished telling her story, Ruth began to share about God's great love and how He shows that love through his son Jesus Christ. Ruth told her that Jesus is the only answer to our problems. Roslyn burst into tears and wanted to experience God's love. Praise God! Roslyn gave her heart to Jesus and has finally found hope in God.

When Ruth prayed for her she felt God's peace and the burden of what she was going through removed from her heart. That day Roslyn gave her heart to Jesus and found new strength to move on in life knowing that God is with her despite all of the challenges she has faced.

Honiara City Council Outreach

On Saturday 18th September our young people were so excited to share God's love through singing and drama. We performed two dramas. Many were in tears as the young people performed and shared their testimonies.

Before the program started our youth had the opportunity to witness and share gospel tracks with people on the street. It was a new experience for some of our youth. 12 people gave their hearts to Jesus and accepted the free gift of eternal life.

One of the new converts is now attending our church here at Gateway Centre. His name is Jeremiah. Please pray for God's guidance and strength for Jeremiah as he starts his new journey with God.

Reaching Out to Children

Ministering to children is one of the most powerful ministries. Most of our CRC churches in the Solomon Islands start with children. Our church in Vella, Western Province started with eight children and has now grown to 60 people.

We have a weekly program on Thursdays at 3:00pm with children living in Foxwood Plains in Honiara. We believe that these children will one day turn into a great army of God. 45 children have given their hearts to the Lord. Now they are also bringing their parents. Pray that the parents will give their hearts to Christ.

Visiting East Malaita

In November I visited some of our CRC churches in the eastern part of Malaita Province. On Wednesday 17th November we held a combined service in Sasau CRC church. Members from multiple churches came together for a powerful prayer and fellowship service.

Thank God that some of the church members who had left their faith have recommitted their lives to Jesus. On Friday 19th November we travelled two hours from Sasau to Ata'a and stayed for the weekend.

We held a night rally service on Friday night and on Saturday we held an open-air outreach at Ata'a market. Our final service was held on Sunday morning. After the service we travelled back to Sasau and held another combined service on Sunday evening. I returned back to Honiara on 22nd November.

Youth Closing and Baptism

Our youth closing was held at Foxwood Plains on Friday 12th November. Two questions were discussed during our youth closing:

1. What is the greatest challenge you faced this year?
2. What is the most exciting experience you had this year?

Sitting down and listening to what our youth shared that night was awesome. Some were in tears when they shared the challenges they have been through and how God helped them to get through them. A great time indeed!

On Saturday 13th November we baptised six young people who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Helping Hands

On Monday 29th November our CRC youth, along with youth from other churches, willingly gave their time to clean up the mess in Chinatown after the looting and riots that took place from Wednesday to Friday the previous week.

It was really sad to see that shops in the Chinatown area had been burnt to the ground. Three lives were also lost during the burning and looting. Regardless of the chaos, our youth were willing to render their time to make a huge clean up.

Despite what happened at the end of November, God's hand is still over the Solomon Islands. We are believing and praying that everything will be back to normal soon.

CYCLONE RELIEF IN VANUATU

Pr Greg Crome

On Sunday 7th November, Pr Remy Adams and a small team flew from Port Vila to Santo Island to carry out construction on the roof of the staff house at World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS) Vanuatu. It was built to a Category 5 cyclone rating and was completed on Thursday 11th November.

Cyclone Harold tore through the Solomon Islands, Fiji, Tonga and Vanuatu in April 2020. It left a path of destruction, taking 31 lives (two in Vanuatu) and leaving 22 people missing.

WMFTS was badly damaged with two dwellings destroyed and one building half destroyed.

This visit was the third trip from Pr Remy and his team to rebuild and repair. The team was assisted by those living in and around the WMFTS property, including Pr John Weimani, school principal, and his wife Unuba, who are missionaries from Papua New Guinea (PNG).

The student dining and meeting room was reconstructed, roofs were repaired, and one student dorm was salvaged, with half the building now standing and able to be occupied.

The latest work on the staff house roof is very welcome, but there is more work to do in 2022 to complete the staff house and other buildings.

Further work that needs to be completed includes:

- Building a bush kitchen for students
- Constructing a fence around the school compound
- Repairing some of the beds
- Building a fly screen around the dining hall
- Installing a bush toilet for male students
- Repairing a ceiling affected by insects

Please continue to pray for a new cohort of students who are set to commence in April 2022. These students will complete the 12-month WMFTS training course.

Please also pray for Unuba who recently fractured her leg. Sadly, she also received the very sad news that her brother passed away and a memorial was held in Matuana village nearby on Wednesday 24th November.

The news about the passing of her brother came after one of her other relatives had also passed away due to COVID-19 in her home village in PNG.

Pr John and Unuba have been serving for a number of years now in Vanuatu. Please continue to pray for them, as well as for Pr Willy, Pr Remy and all the saints in our CRC churches and associated ministries in Vanuatu.

A big thank you to Adelaide Christian Centre, New Life Christian Centre, and our Goolwa and Albury CRC churches, for their financial contributions towards the repairs and rebuilding work at WMFTS.



BETHEL INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COLLEGE

Bethel International Training College (BITC) is our main training base in PNG. A range of courses are offered by BITC, including Bethel Bible College, World Missions Faith Training School, and Bethel Preschool Teacher Training among others.

We have embarked on a three year project in partnership with Global Development Group (GDG) to develop a new training base and preschool at Bethel Christian Centre. Thanks to this partnership, all donations made via GDG receive tax deductibility. For further information please visit our project's web page: www.gdg.org.au/Infoj1098N

We are excited for this major much-needed development within BITC. If you have any questions about the project please contact Pr Mike Groom by email: mike@adelaidechristiancentre.com.au

Major objective of this project:

To have a fully functioning educational facility that will empower men, women and children through the provision of early childhood education and vocational training.

Goal One

Construct an educational facility that will be used for a preschool and vocational training.

The outcome of this goal is to have a fully functioning educational facility that is equipped with furniture and resources needed to run a preschool and vocational training.

Goal Two

Empower men and women through the provision of vocational training courses.

The outcome of this goal is that men and women are provided with an opportunity to gain valuable training that will increase their employability and improve their livelihoods.

Goal Three

Empower children through the provision of early childhood education.

The outcome of this goal is that by accessing quality preschool education, children are better prepared for primary school and are more likely to reach higher educational outcomes.

FROM PR BARRY SILVERBACK

The long awaited vision is becoming a reality. The prophet Habakkuk states "the vision is for an appointed time, though it is slow in coming, wait for it because it will surely come to pass."

For years we have taught under poor conditions and have faced constant threats of flooding. Soon we will have an excellent environment for the teaching and training of students, as well as proper facilities for Zoom lectures and visual presentations.

This facility will include offices for our course principals, and a preschool that will be open to the community and will

provide our preschool teachers with practical experience.

FROM PR AI WARI

Training is one of the four pillars of the vision of Bethel Christian Centre and on a wider scale, of the CRC in PNG.

Training at Bethel has played, and continues to play, a vital role in the expansion of the work in PNG and the nations that Bethel is involved in around the world.

With the inception of the work at Bethel in the early 1970s up to now, training at Bethel has seen the development and growth of national and international workers who have come through its training programs.

Bethel has trained pastors, leaders, workers long and short term missionaries, missions supporters and senders, as well as missions promoters. People have come from all over PNG, nations outside PNG, a range of different Christian denominations, the secular field and private sectors within PNG.

The training facilities at Bethel have deteriorated over the years. This new facility that is currently being built - a double storey building with six classrooms - will enhance the training program and the expansion of the work in PNG and beyond.

Bethel Pastoral Oversight and the team are very thankful to the Lord to be able to see this project being fulfilled. We pray that this project will continue to help fulfil the vision of the CRC movement in the years to come.





BIBLE COLLEGE GRADUATION IN MAURITIUS

Pr Vishnu Durgadoo

Finally after one and a half years due to COVID-19 restrictions, ten students of the Power of God Ministries Mauritius, completed their first year of study with CRC International Missions Bible College.

We had our first CRC 742 International Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology Graduation Ceremony on Sunday 31st October 2021. Seven graduates received their Certificates, while three could not attend the ceremony due to health issues.

We were very blessed and challenged by Pr Phil Cayzer who was the guest

speaker on that auspicious occasion. He shared on the vision and mission of CRC Missions Bible College. He quoted Matthew 24:14, 42-46. Now that they have graduated it is time to be faithful servants of God fulfilling their calling.

The most important thing is that each graduate must complete their mission, the work that the Lord has given them according to Acts 20:24.

We were gratified with the teaching from the book of Nehemiah where Nehemiah went before the king to ask him to send him in the city of Judah and to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Each graduate must have the spirit of Nehemiah to go and reach out to the lost, building their lives into the kingdom of God.

They must live like Christ, communicate like Christ, invest like Christ and reproduce like Christ.

The core part of the ceremony came when Pr Mike Cronin impacted the graduates by speaking into their lives. There were many confirmations of what the Holy Spirit was doing and how He was directing their lives. It was a moment of impartation of knowledge and wisdom from God which the graduates received wholeheartedly.

The intervention of Pr John Zembwe was also well received by the congregation present on the day. The graduates were really challenged to focus and press on in their endeavors to reach higher in their studies and callings.

During the one and a half years, I have witnessed how these courses have really impacted the students. They have shown their readiness, discipline, punctuality, zeal and enthusiasm to learn God's way of reaching the lost at all cost.

Their eagerness to serve and stand for the truth of the Word really impressed me in their service, commitment and ability in their respective ministries they are involved in the church.

To top it all, one graduate told me that these courses are like a gold mine; if we give little effort, we will be satisfied with little gold dust, but if we put more effort to dig deeper into the Word, we will be surprised with the results, rewards and revelations.

In fact, I can say wholeheartedly that what the CRC Missions Bible College is offering is a real gift of God to Mauritius, Africa and the whole world.

Our love and appreciation goes to Pr Phil Cazer, Pr Mike Cronin and Pr John Zembwe, and not forgetting Sister Rosyln Stuart for her promptness and unflinching support and assistance whenever needed.

MINISTRY IN ALICE SPRINGS

Pr Ben and Rebekah Matson

Alice Springs is an incredible place. A multicultural town in the middle of our nation which attracts people of all walks of life.

Jesus has been moving powerfully in the Christian Family Centre, equipping people to minister the Word to build up the saints and introduce families and individuals to the Saviour of the world.

Our mid-week activities are particularly fruitful as Malcolm Heffernan has led a weekly Bible study discipling believers to stand boldly for the gospel and develop a deeper understanding of God's Word.

Malcolm, with Stephen Lewin, has been using *The Way of the Lord* which is printed by Bethel printing. This resource is transforming lives and helping to create an atmosphere of faith and expectation in these Bible studies.

Our young people are doing an incredible job of serving our church

family and blessing our town. Six nights a week, for four months this year, we worshipped Jesus out the front of one of our church family's businesses. Our young people were a major part of making this happen.

As we lifted up the name of Jesus through music and prayer, the atmosphere changed from being full of fear and anger, to one of joy and even repentance.

Praise God for His Faithfulness to His word; He truly did fill the praises of His people.

And through all of this, thanks to the generosity of many churches and individuals from the Body of Christ, both inside and outside of the CRC, we are now able to meet inside for the first time in three years.

We now have our own church building in which we can praise Jesus, to train, equip and release our church family, to bless our community and to enjoy being in the dry and shade for a special treat.

Praise Jesus for His many mercies and His many gifts, and thank you for your prayers for all ministering in Central Australia.





THE EFFECT OF COVID-19 IN THE PHILIPPINES

Pr Peter Hauje

2020 started off with COVID-19 hitting Manila so hard, affecting businesses, schools, institutions, flights, movement, and social and religious gatherings.

On 13th March 2020, the Philippines Government imposed a total lockdown for Metro Manila. Up until today we have still not gone back to normal life.

COVID-19 has impacted all of our churches here in the Philippines. However, God has been faithful in keeping all of our churches intact and ministry has been continued via virtual means for Metro Manila, in nearby cities and in other regions.

We are holding most of our meetings and church services virtually via Zoom and Facebook. Basically things in church life have changed from physical gatherings to virtual gatherings.

It will take some time for all of our churches to recover but we are trusting that God's faithfulness will prevail and all will turn into God's Glory.

Please pray for the churches in the Philippines as we deal with positive COVID-19 cases in our churches.

Pray for all our leaders who feel the impact of COVID-19 that they will be strong physically, spiritually, mentally and emotionally as they attend to the needs of people within their churches.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERS GATHERING 2021

Pr Mike Cronin

After the Australian CRC National Conference each year we hold an International Leaders Gathering (ILG).

This started as an in-person gathering of national leaders from the various nations who attended the Australian Conference, plus Australian pastors who are actively involved in global missions.

With restrictions on overseas travel for the past two years the ILG has changed and widened considerably.

The ILG for the last two years has been conducted on Zoom and has involved many more people from many more countries.

This is a significant positive step because of the pandemic that will help achieve our International Vision of *A Presence in Every Nation by 2045*.

For our ILG in 2021, worship was led by a team from Pasig Church in Manila, Philippines via Zoom. They did an excellent job.

The discussions that followed covered a range of topics, including what has been happening in the last year in our CRC nations, the future global structure of the CRC, avenues for training missionaries, conference highlights, a strategic plan from the book of Acts,

and plans for the church and missions post-pandemic.

There were also good times of fellowship and prayer in breakout rooms.

These breakout rooms provided very good avenues for building and strengthening relationships, that are essential for our future, as well as powerful prayer.

On the Saturday, at times reasonably practical for each global region we had Regional Groups.

Zoom calls were set up for regions where we are reasonably well established.

We had very good participation in these calls, as well as the strengthening of relationships with the intention of establishing online Facebook or WhatsApp groups to share testimonies, prayer requests, encouragement, and ideas for fulfilling our International Vision.

This will continue to be developed in the future to assist us all to work toward the fulfilment of our International Vision - *A Presence in Every Nation by 2045*.

A presence being defined as an effective ongoing ministry of making disciples of Christ.

As a CRC movement we have many wonderful leaders in many different nations and as we continue to work together, we will see great advances for the Kingdom of God throughout the world.



CRC MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSIONARY TRAINING INTENSIVE

Monday 4 July to Friday 8 July 2022

One week training with Pr Barry Silverback, Pr Jeremy Steel and others at Christian Family Centre Seaton.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Thursday 28 July 2022

NATIONAL MISSIONS SUNDAY

Sunday 31 July 2022