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# FROM THE EDITOR

## *Mikaela Groom*

Welcome to our December edition of Pulse for 2019.

It has been a great year for Pulse Magazine. We have been able to focus on different regions around the world in each of our issues. It has been nice reading through the various articles and being able to catch up on the wonderful work of the CRC across the nations.

This year we have looked at the Americas and the United Kingdom, Africa, Asia, and for our final edition, we are focusing on the CRC in the Pacific region.

I would like to thank everyone that has been involved in Pulse in some shape or form throughout 2019. To everybody who has sent in articles and photos, your willingness to fill our pages and share what is happening in your ministries is greatly appreciated. To all of you who continue to read and circulate our magazine, thank you very much for your ongoing support.

I am looking forward to all of the great things that will happen through Pulse Magazine in 2020. I hope you are excited too!

Lastly, as we enter into the final stages of 2019, I would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope you have an enjoyable end to 2019 and start to 2020.



# FROM THE AUSTRALIAN MISSIONS DIRECTOR

## *Pr Mike Cronin*

In this issue of Pulse we are focusing on those nations where CRC Churches International was first established – Australia, New Zealand and then the Pacific Island nations.

We are a movement that is far larger in our mission fields in developing nations than we are in our original base of Australia and New Zealand. This is both great and exciting, as well as being very challenging, particularly in terms of resources.

However Jesus did not say anything about waiting until the home base is large before going to another nation. Rather, He said “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth.” Just GO!

This is clearly what has happened in Papua New Guinea (PNG). CRC personnel started working with the Four Square movement in the Highlands in the 1960s.

In the early 1970s, Pr Barry and Rosalie Silverback moved to Port Moresby and started the CRC in PNG. There were many challenges during these early days, but young men and women caught the vision and in time, spread throughout PNG and then into many other nations.

You can read about this very challenging and exciting story in Pr Barry Silverback’s book ‘Papa Barry’. Learn about our early missionary pioneers – their faith, sacrifice, persecution and the miraculous power of God at work.

As we celebrate Christmas time, and the first coming of Jesus, let’s also remember that He is coming again. Let’s always be ready for when He does return.

I would like to wish a very happy Christmas to all of our Pulse readers, and a new year of great steps forward in God.



# 10 YEARS OF SUNRISE BETHEL PNG

*Rebekah Cook*

It has been very special to celebrate the anniversary of Sunrise Bethel Christian School (SBCS) in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and share it with our community.

As we reflected on our ten years at SBCS we were reminded of so many stories, wonderful memories and special friends. At both main events on the evening of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November and during the day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, we saw people reconnecting with friends, sharing stories and enjoying our community.

We honour those who sat on the steering committee for so many years, planning and putting their faith in God to see this school come about. Ros Noah, Greta Suve, Maria Kave, Agnes Walimu, Brian Tieba, Faye Ami, Katie Imani, Lauren Tau, and Naude Kalos were all members of the original steering committee who first dreamed and planned for Sunrise Bethel.

This group of people believed and had confidence that God had more for the children of this city. They stepped out in faith, believing that faith would lead them to ask God for the next thing. They did what we should all do! We should expect and have confidence that God has more for us and that if we trust in Him, we will see new things. Inquiring of God in faith will help us to see beyond what we normally see.

In Matthew 14, when Peter stepped out

of the boat he stepped out in faith – trusting Jesus and seeing what he normally did not see! But then he took his eyes off Jesus and did what we would probably all do – looked around him and thought “this is impossible” – and it is! Peter didn’t know the answer but Jesus did. For our God loves impossible situations because impossible situations give Him an opportunity to demonstrate both his love towards us and his power in our lives. Our faith doesn’t have to be perfect, but as we step out together in faith, we will see God step in.

We have stepped out in faith for a Grade 9 class in 2020. We don’t know everything but God does. We are stepping out in faith and we will see God step in and demonstrate his love towards us and power in our lives. SBCS will be building five classrooms that include three standard classrooms, a science lab and a technology room. We will also be building a new toilet block. These will be at the end of the field away from the driveway. At the beginning of the year, this was impossible – but not in God’s eyes.

The Adelaide Christian Schools (ACS) and SBCS board are dreaming of big things for the future of Sunrise Bethel in PNG. We believe that God is giving us visions of what can be and how we can grow. We have big dreams for our graduate students and the road that they will take into the future for themselves and their country. A time of growth is just ahead of us and we are

excited and ready for the journey. Future hope is expectation and confidence that God is ahead of us and we just need to follow in His footsteps.

Faith is action – stepping out because of hope – because of what we cannot see! In Colossians 1:10 it says: So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. This is our desire – to live lives that are worthy of the Lord, and please him; to bear fruit in everything we do; and to continually grow in the knowledge of God.

We are not finished yet – it is wonderful to celebrate what God has brought to us in the last ten years – and now it is time for us to look forward into what is ahead of us.

We were especially blessed to have so many visitors take the time to come up from Australia to be part of the 10 year celebration.

We are incredibly indebted to the different teams from Bethel Tabernacle of Praise who helped to make our events successful. The music and the setup teams, in particular, were such a blessing to our school.

There are so many people in our school community who we would like to thank.

Please visit [www.sunrisebethel.ac.pg/post/newsletter-for-november-2019](http://www.sunrisebethel.ac.pg/post/newsletter-for-november-2019) for the full newsletter.



# GATEWAY SOLOMON ISLANDS

*Pr Ronny Asasai*

First of all, I would like to thank God for bringing us this far. Despite all of the challenges and situations we go through, God is so faithful in watching over us.

Pr Jimmy Vasula and myself are the pastors at the Gateway CRC Church in Honiara. We have 150-200 attendees every Sunday for worship, prayer and fellowship. The majority of church members are young people.

We have a missions school that runs each year on the church property. Gateway Missions School began in 2012 and offers four months of ministry training. Our heart is to train people to develop a greater understanding of the Word of God and to release them into full-time ministry to serve God in their own local churches or wherever God wants them to be.

From 2012 until now, we have trained over 30 students. 98% of them are now pastors and leaders in their respective churches. The missions school will recommence next year in April 2020.

We have a range of church activities during the week including: Monday night discipleship training; Tuesday night house fellowship; Wednesday night prayer meeting; Thursday morning chapel; Thursday evening Taloa outreach; Friday night youth

program; Saturday morning music practice; Sunday morning church service; and Sunday afternoon drama and dance practice for youth.

Most children who come to Sunday School every Sunday morning do not eat breakfast before coming because they have to leave home early. Our volunteer Sunday school teachers have chosen to provide and prepare breakfast for these kids.

In addition to the weekly activities listed above, we also run a kids' club on Thursdays from 3-4pm. Kids' club includes Bible stories, games, snacks and drinks. We have an average of 30-40 children in attendance each Thursday.

We also run our Futsal Soccer Ministry every Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. The aim of this ministry is to evangelise to young boys from nearby communities with the Gospel. Approximately 40 young people turn up to play soccer each of these days. We are planning how we can improve this ministry for next year.

For years our youth has been struggling with transport. As a result, most our youth do not attend our youth events. Our youth leaders agreed that it's time to fundraise for transport.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of October we organised a Pacific Island night. More than 300 people attended and watched our youth perform dances from different nations, whilst enjoying a nice dinner.

Money raised will go towards a new truck for the youth to use for transport.

This year we have started going into Bellona Island, Renbell Province and Gizo, Western Province. Our outreach church in Mahu, just outside Honiara, sent a team to Bellona to do some ministry work there. It was a fruitful time. Next year we are planning to do more trips to these new areas.

In addition to this, we thank God for a chance to visit Ata'a and Gounatafu, both located in Malaita Province. One of our full-time ministry boys and myself arrived in Ata'a on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November and stayed for three days.

In October this year, Pr Timothy from Armenia Christian Centre suddenly died of kidney failure and left the church in shock with deep sorrow. We visited to bring encouragement to the church. We had wonderful time of prayer and fellowship. Our Gateway church in Honiara will continue to support Armenia Christian Centre.

On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> Of November, we left Ata'a and went to Rufoki where we stayed for another three days. We were based in Rofuki and walked 20 minutes to Gounatafu where our CRC church is located. On the Sunday we had a church service in the morning and again in the evening.

On Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November we left Rufoki and went to Ambu Village to attend one of our church member's funeral service.



# UPDATE ON THE CRC IN VANUATU

*Pr Remy Adams*

The CRC in Vanuatu is continuing to make steady progress nationwide in implementing our vision.

The vision of the CRC in Vanuatu is to reach every province of Vanuatu by 2020. This vision is aligned with the CRC international vision.

I lead the work in Vanuatu and I am supported by a great team of pastors and national leaders.

The following report provides a

summary of the activities undertaken this year by the CRC here in Vanuatu.

Consistent with our vision, church planting in provinces has progressed well. We have successfully planted churches in five provinces across Vanuatu.

In 2019, the mission reached Tafea Province in collaboration with Pr Samuel Ruben, and also Torba Province with Pr John Carol.

The only province that the mission is yet to reach is Penama Province. This final province will be our focus for 2020.

The mission has also established outreach churches on Efate Island where the capital Port Vila is located.

Outreach churches have been planted in the following locations this year:

Bukura locality, as well as Tamata and Lycee areas.

Training programs have also been an important focus of the Vanuatu mission. This year we conducted a number of lifesaving Bible-centred trainings.

The Emau CRC church, north of Efate, ran Doorstep Night Bible School and four students graduated.

In Port Vila, Doorstep Bible Classes were conducted, with four students successfully completing their training and graduating as a result.

As part of our effort to provide training - 'care for life, care for nation' - we have been supporting two preschools, one in Port Vila and the other one at Eratap half-road.

Both preschools completed their school terms this year and held respective graduations.

Regarding our Global Missions arm, we are adopting New Caledonia as our focus nation. I have been able to visit yearly to build relationships. My eldest son Alexander and his wife live there.

This year we had five students as part of our World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS) in Santo. It runs for 12 months. There are three girls and two boys all from different churches.

Now they are on two months of practical (December and January) in Shefa Province where Port Vila is located.

Pr John Weimanie is the principal of the school and his wife Unuba is on staff, as well as Willy Malon.

The CRC in Vanuatu and our mission is delighted to see the advancement of the Kingdom of God in our great country.

We would like to acknowledge the assistance, support and partnerships we have been given over the years from our ministry partners and churches in Australia and the Pacific.

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# SIGATOKA AND NADI UPDATE, FIJI

*Pr Faith Singh*

Bula vinaka and namaste from Sigatoka, Fiji. Hello and welcome to Sigatoka as I take you into the coastal sunny side of Fiji with God's grace and favour in the work here.

The work in Sigatoka started in 2002 and it has been growing since then. This year is the 17th year since the work started. The church has a congregation of 80-90 people attending every Sunday.

During the week the church runs various different programs including a women's group, a cell group, Sunday school, some outreach programs and more.

The church in Sigatoka has also started an outreach in Nadi that has

been running for two years. The couple that are based there are Arvin and Salote, and their three children.

They have a Sunday service, joy time, women's group and also cell groups. There are 30-35 people attending the church every Sunday.

Attached to the church in Sigatoka is a preschool which had 38 children attending the school in 2019. The school has two teachers: Salote and myself. See the above pictures of this year's graduation held in November.

During this year two missionaries came to Sigatoka. Both of them had been on staff at World Missions Faith Training School in Papua New Guinea. One is from India, Dipen, and the other is from Sri Lanka, Debora.

Pr Pritam and myself are very grateful for all that God has done and is doing in Sigatoka.

With these few words from Sigatoka, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



# ALICE SPRINGS CHRISTIAN FAMILY CENTRE

*Pr Ben and Bek Matson*

Alice Springs Christian Family Centre was planted in 1997 with a burden for reaching Alice Springs with the hope of Jesus Christ.

We have been meeting in various halls around Alice Springs, but this year, after much prayer and fasting, God made a way for us to purchase our own block of land.

Located on the main highway between Adelaide and Darwin, we now have a permanent home from which we can

preach the Gospel and reach all nations.

Currently the church is meeting in a 12m x 12m tent on Sundays (as you can imagine it is incredibly hot in the summer!).

We have plans in place to build a multipurpose building, seating over 250 people alongside the current building.

This will take some time and resources that we believe God will provide in His time.

We, pastors Ben and Rebekah Matson, have led the church since January 2012.

We have three boys, Elijah, Josiah and Zion, who are also an integral part of the ministry that takes place in the church.

We call ourselves 'a church for all people'.

We are made up of about 80% Indigenous Australians from between 6-10 language groups.

God has blessed us with the opportunity to present the Gospel to the people who many have not been reaching.

At one of the funerals that we were invited to run, we were given the privilege of preaching the Gospel to over 200 people.

Our church family from that region told us that 80% of the people present at the funeral had never heard the Gospel message before.

We are able to reach out to our community in various ways such as, through our youth band; kids club;

playgroup, partnering with Territory families; sing-a-longs, partnering with Aboriginal hostels; Bible devotions, partnering with Mission Australia; hospital visitation; and community visitations, which can be over 800kms away. We also minister through supporting families and individuals with special needs.

Next year we are expanding our ministries to include life skills and Bible discipleship training.

The harvest is ripe, but the workers are few.

We are crying out to the Lord of the harvest for workers to come and join us as we serve central Australia with the hope of Jesus Christ.

We are excited about what God is doing among us and we look forward to see what 2020 brings.



# UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## *Cairns Family Church in Japan*

In September 2019, Cairns Family Church conducted its first international missions trip to Japan. We sent a team of seven youth and young adults to outreach with and minister at Lifehouse Sapporo. Lifehouse is a group of nearly 20 contemporary churches in Japan associated with Australian Christian Churches (ACC).

Firstly, our team spent two days in Tokyo and visited the mother church

there. We were lucky enough to be flying up to the North Island the very day that they had a Typhoon which grounded all flights. Instead we went via the eight-hour bullet train ride into Sapporo (the capital city of the North Island with a population of 2 million).

While being briefed for the week of outreach to come we were informed about the state of Japan. When surveyed, the most common response of young people in Japan was that they had either one or no significant friends. This, coupled with the incredibly high demand of workplaces, sheds light into the country's alarming rate of 30,000 suicides each year.

Furthermore, Japan is a place of rich culture and history. A majority of Japanese people have a culture of Shintoist or Buddhism, but only hold to the notions of superstition and tradition



while being closer aligned with atheism or agnosticism.

Although around 1% of the population identifies as Christian, that statistic includes the Mormons, Jehovahs Witnesses and all other Christian derived religions which are common in Japan. The true number of spirit filled believers is very low.

However, Japan has religious freedom and is a tinderbox ready for revival.

Our main method of outreach was sports in the park or card games in cafes. While Japanese reject the relevance of Western religion immediately, they love foreigners and are very open (and excited!) to making an international friend.

We invited the young people around us to join us in our games with a very high participation rate. Over the week, we

connected with over 100 individuals.

After getting to know them, we would ask to get a photo with them (which they were always super excited for) and then tag them through Instagram. This creates a lasting connection with them. We then invited them to our Sunday afternoon Australian themed party and church beforehand.

On the Sunday we had three come from our outreach and some others come through connections with church members. All three who came responded to the salvation call! This was very exciting for both our team and the local church.

Our Australian party was a lot of fun with fairy bread, Vegemite, Tim Tams, Milo and more. We played some of our youth games like Hopscotch, Paper Scissors Rock, which they loved.

We plan to continue visiting the church in Sapporo every year and feel God saying that he has an incredible harvest there.

Japan is very under reached and the prevailing church mindset is that it is not a missions field. However, it is not just for holidays, it is filled with 180 million people who need to hear the Gospel.

Please pray for Japan because its need is great and the opportunity greater.

Thank you,  
**Thomas Wright**



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