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## FROM THE EDITOR

### *Mikaela Groom*

Welcome to our September edition of Pulse for 2019.

This year we have been focusing on the various regions that CRC Churches International are involved in. We have been involved in some regions for many years, whilst others have just been in recent years. So far we have looked at the Americas and the United Kingdom, as well as Asia.

For this edition of Pulse we are focusing on Africa. There are a number of ongoing exciting developments happening in the CRC work in Africa. This issue of Pulse contains articles on missions trips to nations within East Africa, an update of the work of Africa Frontier Mission, and an overview of Pr John Boateng's ministry in Ghana.

I encourage everyone to read through each article to familiarise yourself with some of the newer work of the CRC in the African region. It is exciting to see the ministry endeavours some of our pastors are embarking on and hearing about the numerous pastors and leaders they have been able to connect with.

Also included in this edition are a few updates from some of our other fields. I particularly enjoyed reading through Pr Warwick Hughes report. It is exciting to hear about the various things that have been happening in Walhalla!



## FROM THE AUSTRALIAN MISSIONS DIRECTOR

### *Pr Mike Cronin*

In Acts 1:8 Jesus says, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth".

This call certainly included Africa – a major continent plus a few islands that make up the 58 nations of the African region.

Africa is the only world region projected to have strong population growth for the rest of this century.

At present, every sixth person in the world lives in Africa.

It is projected that this figure will increase and by 2100 one in three people in the world will be living in Africa.

A number of Australian CRC pastors have been ministering in Africa for many years and have been an avenue of great blessing.

Now, with our International Vision of a presence in every nation by 2045, there are very significant steps taking place to establish CRC Bible Colleges and churches in numerous African countries.

Take your time reading through some of the exciting things that are happening in Africa included in the following pages.



# TURNINGPOINT CHURCH IN EAST AFRICA

*Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi*

My name is Gloria Elia. I am the PA for my senior pastor, Phil Cayzer, at Turningpoint Church in Cranbourne, Melbourne.

As Pr Phil is the Field Supporter for the CRC work in East Africa, I have been receiving multiple emails and requests over the past year, without fully understanding the situation in East Africa.

In August this year I was fortunate to be able to finally go to East Africa with a team led by Pr Phil, and see the growth of the CRC for myself and meet the key leaders involved.

On this trip our main goals were to run pastors and leaders conferences (with the aim of joining their churches to the CRC), attend Bible school graduations, and to connect with various contacts from all over Africa.

The team covered five countries, including Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.

Unfortunately we were not granted access to the Democratic Republic of Congo where we are connected with almost 100 churches.

We know that Africans are incredibly qualified in preaching and sharing the Gospel, so from the beginning our aim



has been to provide training for leaders and teaching on sound doctrine. This has shown to be incredibly valuable.

Over the past few years we have started up CRC Bible schools in Uganda, Kenya, and more recently in Tanzania.

The Bible schools we have set up deliver a 12-month Certificate IV course. Today that course has been translated into Swahili giving many more leaders access to CRC Biblical training.

Soon we will be commencing our Diploma course in these Bible schools as well.

The impact of the Certificate IV course has been enormous. So far we have seen 130 students graduate from six Bible schools.



We currently have over 100 students enrolled.

As a result of this training, multiple churches have been planted and many leaders have become fired up for ministry and are committed to the CRC.

Our Bible school training is open to all pastors and leaders. As people of the CRC, we are looking to partner with and support other Christian denominations.

We have encouraged the pastors and leaders that we have talked with to stay within their own denominations. For those pastors and leaders that we met who weren't part of a particular denomination, we chose to share with them in seminars the values of the CRC.

From the pastors that came to our



seminars we were able to see many make a commitment to join the CRC!

These pastors and leaders are so eager to learn from the Word, especially on topics such as the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Word as our final authority, the new creation message and more. All of these topics are core values of the CRC.

I feel so blessed to have been able to visit East Africa and see the work there. I can also say that I am very impressed at the dedication and diligence of the pastors and leaders there to serve the Kingdom and to advance the Gospel.

I am excited to see the great things that God will continue to do through the work of the CRC throughout Africa.



# AFRICA FRONTIER MISSION

## Uganda

Africa Frontier Mission, a CRC organisation in Arua, northwest Uganda, has continued to grow as God has been working in many ways.

Our church is doing well, with many committed members who came to Uganda from South Sudan as refugees. They are growing in the Word and have been preaching and ministering to people in need of the gospel in our region, which is the most unreached part of Uganda in regards to the born-again faith.

We have recently taken part in a crusade in Terego region near South Sudan. God moved powerfully with thousands of people receiving Christ as their Saviour, with many miracles of healing and deliverance from demons.

A team from our church has just returned from Zombo district. We held a conference to encourage local village pastors who have been persecuted from the communities they are in.

One highlight recently has also been the wedding of Jono Osborne to Annet Ngabire, who are both leading the ministry based in Arua.

We have also continued to minister in our local prison, where the believers there have been encouraged, despite the poor conditions they are facing. The people there are revived in their faith which has been a blessing to see.



# 58 DAYS IN EAST AFRICA

*Kenya and Uganda*

My wife Hellen and I pastor a small church in Maryborough, Victoria, with a membership in the mid twenties.

I had previously been to Kenya on two occasions with successful mission trips, but to contemplate a 58 day mission to me was epic. The blessing is that Hellen is Kenyan and speaks Kiswahili fluently, knows 'people' and knows her way around and understands the culture. We started planning six months out with a tight 58 day itinerary.

We conducted nine expository

preaching workshops to a multi-denominational audience, including Kenya CRC, at Njoro, Kenya. This also included five days in Uganda with Pr David Kalasira who I met at the CRC National Conference in 2018.

The workshops taught a methodology on how to draw out the revelation of the passage which becomes the preaching idea and build from that. In addition to that, we also lectured on church ethics. Basically we talk about the three 'Gs', and the do's and don'ts of ministry.

The workshops were designed to be held on a Friday and Saturday, followed by Sunday and mid-week ministries. Due to church timetables and the availability of pastors and leaders, a few workshops were shortened to one day. All workshops and church services were conducted



with translators, with the exception of two church services which were done in English.

We travelled to many centres throughout Kenya, including Kitui West, Nzaikoni, Nairobi, Meru, Njoro, and Mombasa, as well as Kampala in Uganda. This concluded our 58 days in East Africa. It was our biggest mission yet and was so successful.

I need to thank my wife Hellen who administrated everything. She organised churches, pastors, bishops, locations, accommodation, car hire, flights, visas and the list goes on. All I had to do was rock up and teach and preach. Hellen was also involved in lecturing and preaching. The thrill of my life was when Hellen translated for me. Husband and wife working the platform together under inspiration of the Spirit. Doesn't get much better

than that folks! Man, just awesome.

Our initial vision was to reach 1,000 churches with the teaching. We almost made it. With eleven workshops planned but two cancelled, we reached a total of 817 different churches across 269 denominations. You can't organise something like this by your own ability. Bwana asefewa (Praise the Lord).

We had a team of 23 intercessors from places like Liechtenstein, Texas, Kenya, Uganda and throughout Australia. These people were sent updates every few days with prayer and praise points. I thank them very much for their dedication and resolve to cover this mission in prayer.

The door to East Africa is open for us and open wide for this teaching. When the timing is right we aim to return. We need more time and a bigger budget as we have more invitations from Kenya and Uganda, but we have also been requested to go to Rwanda, Tanzania and Zambia.

We look to the Lord for His resource and timing as we reflect and plan for future missions.

A word for you: When temptation comes to you, say to the devil, "I don't think so". Invite Christ into your temptation and remember there are two things that the devil hates: 1) A repentant heart; and 2) A humble heart.

**Pr Stuart Rodgers**



# MINISTERING IN GHANA

*Pr John Boateng*

## The Cross Outreach Church

The Cross Outreach Church International was established on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2003 by Pr John Kwasi Nkum Boateng.

The headquarters of the ministry is located in Abuesi, a suburb of the Shama District in the Western region of Ghana. The church has six branches located at Inchaban, Mampong, Ahbort, Agona Nkwanta, Shama Nkwantakessedo and Abuesi (headquarters).

The church currently has 10 pastors and 12 student pastors who are under training at the Institute of Discipleship and Ministry Training (IDMT); an affiliate training school of the church in partnership with Pr Barry Silverback.

The vision of the ministry is to assist the difficult to reach, our deprived communities, or areas of Ghana and Africa at large.

Since the ministry began in 2003, it has seen to date, over 1,025 people come to Christ through monthly crusades and house-to-house evangelism.

We have planted 10 churches and have 12 pastors.

We have also established a bible school that trains the pastors and leaders of the church, as well as other churches.

Annually we organise free healthcare for the people of the area.

In addition to this, the Cross Outreach Church has started a Christian School, Terri Christian International Academy (TICA).

It is also the vision of the church to have strong and evangelistic youth, women, men and children ministries, which would serve as an outreach vehicle to spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The spiritual climate in Ghana and the areas our churches are planted in are very receptive to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the field is right for harvest.

The difficulty is mostly knowing how to get the Gospel to some areas of Ghana in terms of accessibility. The prayer of the church is for God to bless us with committed partners to help achieve this vision.

We are also trusting the Lord to assist us in our vision to build an orphanage so we can take care of many children who do not have anyone to take care of them.

## Terri International Christian Academy

Terri International Christian Academy is a Christian school established in September 2016 and affiliated to the Cross Outreach Church.

The school vision is to provide a world-class affordable school with

strong Christian values.

The school started with 12 students and three teachers, but now has over 300 students and 21 staff.

TICA has some students who are orphans or from poor homes. They are able to come to the school because of the school's decision to solicit for sponsorship for some of these students.

With the help of some of our partners, we currently offer scholarship to 11 of the students. We are looking for more partners to give more scholarships.

TICA is a fast growing school and therefore has several challenges to overcome in order to maintain the impressive standard set by the school. The greatest of these challenges is infrastructure, we need to increase the number of classrooms to fully complete the primary department.

We also need to develop a spacious playground to develop the psychomotor skills of the students.

In addition to this, students are coming from all parts of the district, hence pressure is brought on the available bus. This creates a need for us to acquire a very durable bus to transport the students.

The school is also currently working on building an additional toilet facility with 12 toilets, a kitchen and a computer laboratory for the school.



# UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

*Papua New Guinea, United States of America and Fiji*

## **CRC International Women's Convention 2019, Papua New Guinea**

The CRC's International Women's Convention 2019 took place at Bethel Tabernacle of Praise in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG) during the first week of July.

Ladies came from all over PNG, with additional ladies traveling from Australia and New Zealand to attend

the convention. It was great to have so many in attendance.

The week consisted of morning, afternoon and evening worship and preaching sessions, along with an early morning prayer at PNG's Parliament House, water baptisms, electives and more.

Pr Barry Silverback and the team of ladies from Australia, led by Pr Norma Cayzer, were the keynote speakers throughout the convention.

A highlight of the convention for all were the items. International teams and groups from each region/province within PNG had opportunities to perform something special for those in attendance. Singing, dancing and different cultural dress brought an atmosphere of fun and excitement to the program.



## **Hughes Family Update, Walhalla, South Carolina, United States of America**

Hello everyone from Walhalla. Hope y'all are well and blessed in the Lord.

Can you believe that we have been here in Walhalla, USA for one year now? A lot has happened in that time. On 6<sup>th</sup> August we as a family had a little celebration for our one year here, thanking Jesus for all that He has done and continues to do.

As a church family we have done two Sunday evenings of fasting and prayer for the work here, churches in Australia and Papua New Guinea, missionaries and missions work globally. We have had good numbers who have come along for the fasting and prayer times.

We did a big promotion of Faith



Christian School at a company called Staples in Seneca about 15 minutes from Walhalla. They allowed all of the schools to put up a promotion of their schools outside in the carpark, but for us they said we could set up inside the shop. A good number of people came through and expressed interest.

We also did a big promotion of the school right in Walhalla itself along with other schools. We were blessed with a good turn out of people and again we had a good number of people show interest in the school.

So far, we have had two children come in from our promotion efforts.

School started on 8<sup>th</sup> August. Mrs Laura Fountain is doing well with the help and assistance of Vilmarie Wright, Kathleen Arisman and Magan Smith. Please keep the school as well as the teachers and students in your



prayers. We are believing for another 23 students.

I was given an opportunity to preach for 15 minutes at a meeting for those who associate with Evangelism Fellowship International. I preached on looking to Jesus.

After I finished Omega and I prayed with each person and couple. There were about nine of us altogether.

I was asked by the organizer of the meeting if I would preach at their church on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Please pray toward this.

Pr Kaye will preach at Faith Center Church that Sunday for me.

Omega and I continue to visit some of those we have reached out to in prayer during our door knocking times.

One lady had her prayers answered

and is starting to talk about giving her life to Jesus.

Recently I visited one of our congregation members cousins that was in hospital. We prayed with her and I asked if she had given her life to Jesus. She said she wanted to but didn't know how.

When Omega and I visited her in hospital again the physio came to assist her with some exercise. She asked them to give her a moment with us as she had given her life to Jesus. Wow! She didn't realize it, but she is already witnessing to other people.

The man was about to leave but I told him he could stay while I prayed. The man agreed and he stayed while we prayed.

God bless you all,

**Pr Warwick Hughes**



### **CRC National Pastors and Leaders Conference, Fiji**

In the last week of August Pr Barry Silverback, Pr Danny Parker and I attended the CRC National Leaders Conference in Labasa, Fiji. It was wonderful to visit everyone again and we enjoyed a great time of fellowship with all of those who attended the conference. I particularly enjoyed seeing Pr Kelvin and Sandra Matthews from Waiuku, New Zealand.

The Monday night was a special occasion where we celebrated together with Pr Samson and Illiana Jeet in opening their new church building in Labasa. The CRC church in Labasa have finally been able to build their own permanent church building on their land after many years of disruption in moving from one location to another. Whilst they have been on the current land now for a

number of years, the building was only a semi-permanent bush timber and iron roof fixture. Pr Barry officially opened the building and a wonderful celebration followed.

Tuesday through to Thursday was set aside for Pr Barry, Pr Danny and myself to speak to the delegates on various topics that related to their leadership and where our focus is at within our CRC work in Fiji. There was a wonderful sense of community and hope for the future growth of our churches and preschools in Fiji throughout the conference.

I am happy to confirm that Enoch Hageyo, one of our missionaries from PNG, will soon be ordained as a pastor. Ritchie Yagomate will also be ordained as a pastor at next year's National Conference in Fiji.

**Pr Mike Groom**



# A PRESENCE IN EVERY NATION BY 2045

AUGUST 2020

**Be part of officially establishing the CRC in East Africa.**

Visit Kenya and Tanzania or Uganda or Rwanda or Burundi or Zimbabwe or Congo.

Visits will include preaching, crusades, CRC Bible Colleges, Bible College graduations, planting churches, visiting schools and children's homes, as well as a safari to a local Game Park.

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