

The Keswick Fellowship

International news July 2022



Global greetings!

Around the world in some 15 countries there are nearly 90 events which relate in some way to the Keswick Fellowship. Please join us in prayer!

Japan

Timothy Konishi writes: Our Japan Keswick Ministries has a history of over 60 years. It started near Tokyo, and has now spread across all 6 districts of the country. Due to Covid-19 we have not been able to hold 'live' events during 2021 and 2022, but some districts used videos of the preachers who were due to visit. Plans are being made for 2023, and the visits of John Oswalt, David Olford and Ian & Ruth Coffey. **Please**

pray:

1. Covid is not yet over, and many people have been uncertain about travel. Please pray for good numbers at the 2023 events.
2. Japan Keswick is supported mainly by participant's offerings, but following two years with no events, our financial situation is difficult.

India

D P Poddar writes: By God's grace, Calcutta Keswick has sustained 65 years of teaching the Word. Typically meetings take place in the second week of February, and include a Saturday Breakfast for around 750, morning Bible Studies in English, and evening messages with Bengali translation. Covid meant that in 2021 and 2022 meetings were reduced, and were online. **Please pray:**

1. DP and his wife were seriously ill with Covid. By God's grace they have recovered. DP still serves on the Council, but please pray for Sajal Sarkar as he takes on the role of Secretary.
2. Pray for plans for February 2023 – we hope it will be a live event, and the Council meets soon to discuss this.



Calcutta Keswick
PROCLAIMING THE WORD

EVENING ONLINE MEETING
DATE | 11TH TO 13TH FEBRUARY
TIME | 6:15P.M - 8:00P.M IST
GMT +5.30

CALCUTTA KESWICK WORSHIP TEAM

ONLY ON YouTube youtube.com/CalcuttaKeswick



Malaysia

Our friend S. Arul tells us that Keswick in Malaysia now runs in two locations. It specially seeks to encourage Tamil-speaking Christians. **Keswick Penang** plans to run this coming September 24 and 25, with 2 evening sessions and a half day seminar, with Dr Dennis Raj as speaker. **Keswick Kuala Lumpur** will be held October 21 and 22. **Please pray:** for the organizing committee, for the speakers at both events, for the publicity to attract new people to the events, and for God's blessing on the Tamil churches.

Cayman

The **Cayman Keswick** has been running since 1974, and continues to attract believers from across the denominations. Stephen Ryan reports that during Covid a modified format was used, with monthly Sunday evening meetings rather than a week-long event. Mostly local speakers were used, but this Spring Jonathan Lamb contributed, marking our first international speaker in over 2 years. We praise God for his provision, and have seen great fruit in the unity and fellowship of the local churches and pastors. We look forward prayerfully to meeting again in 2023.

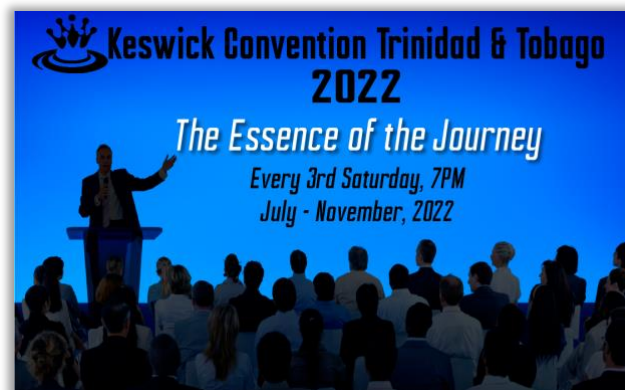


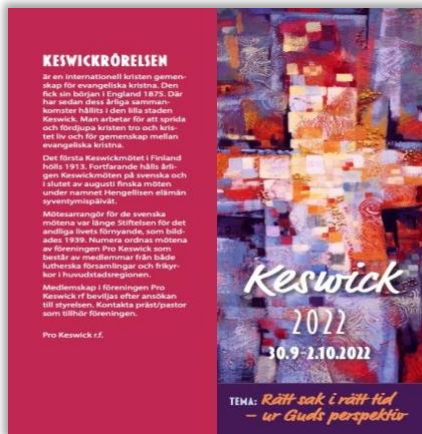
Jamaica

The Kingston Keswick Council hosts its annual Convention from January 22-29, 2023, writes Dr Evadnie Sterling. It will be a hybrid event, with plans for evening gatherings, lunch hour Bible studies, youth and children's rallies, men and women's events, and a special pastors' forum. We will also be engaging the 8 other Keswick Conventions operating in Jamaica. We are seeking to strengthen partnerships with the local and regional Keswicks, and would be glad of prayer for a possible National Keswick Convention and a regional conference.

Trinidad & Tobago

We have been very grateful for the leadership of Daniel and Ruthann Ramoutar over many years, and were sorry to hear of the passing of Daniel at the end of last year. Ruthann is still supporting the work, joined by the 3 committees on T&T, replacing 3 Conventions with 5 meetings held from July to November. Each will have 3 simultaneous tracks, for youth, men and women. **Please pray** for Ruthann, for good success in the committees working together, and for wisdom in attracting youth to attend the events.





Finland

The incoming Secretary, Stefan Salonen, reports that the Keswick Fellowship in Finland is indeed alive and well! A new team is taking the work forward. Stefan reports that they had the traditional 3-day event in October last year, and plan the same this autumn – **please pray** for the Keswick Fellowship meetings, September 30-October 2, with Camilla Klockars as the speaker.

Hungary

BalatonNet is the name for Keswick Hungary. Attila Kapocs writes that they have selected the annual theme as Healthy Community-Healthy Fellowship, since so many churches have been impacted negatively by Covid. Please pray that BalatonNet will be able to bring encouragement and renewal. Last year they held a 2 day event for 450 people, but this year plan for a full 5 day event for 1500 people. **Please pray** for accommodation for volunteers; for the much-needed income, given the higher costs; for new team members to help lead; and for good numbers to attend.



New Zealand

Marty Richards reports: 'Praise God, Keswick New Zealand has survived Covid!' The team used the time to build a new strategic plan. They have a new Convention called 'Singled Out' (for New Zealand's single Christians), and plan a summer Convention, www.keswicksummerconvention.co.nz. **Please pray** for the completion of their strategic plan, for regular customers who use their site to return, for wise leadership, for a new proposed social housing development on their boundary, and for the staff team as they adapt to many changes.

South Africa

The **Durban Keswick** is held in September each year, and Greg Denysschen reports that, when Covid hit, they used the live stream from the UK Keswick, which was very effective. Sadly, they lost some of their faithful team members through Covid. They also had serious social unrest in Durban, followed by 2 devastating floods. 'Never has our poor country been in greater need of a visitation from God, which the Keswick Convention is well placed to facilitate.' Please pray as the team plans for the future; for the many volunteers needed; for God's blessing on their work.





Halifax, Nova Scotia

Andrew Cooke reports that sadly they had to cancel Keswick 2022 due to Covid, but the good news is that plans are underway for May 5-9, 2023, with Roger Willmore as speaker. Unlike previous events, a youth night is being added, aimed at presenting the beauty and hope of the gospel message. **Please pray** for new team members; for good denominational representation; and for a great 2023 Convention.

UK

James Robson reports that the annual Convention is about to begin – July 16-August 5 – now held on the new unified Derwent site. The 2022 theme is 'Grateful', and the event will be live-streamed (see <https://keswickministries.org>). **Please pray** for good attendance, for God's Spirit to be at work, for logistics on the new site and for the finances needed. We are also encouraged by the teaching and training events now running throughout the year – details on the website.



Australia

Belgrave Heights, Melbourne

Richard Coombs reports that, by God's grace, from December 2021 we have been able to have our planned Conventions running as normal. Just before lockdown we embarked on a \$10 million building programme for accommodation (224 beds), a dining room for 374, and other meeting rooms. Despite Covid challenges, the hope is to open by mid 2023. A recent Men's Convention attracted 400, a Youth Convention had 500, and a Women's Convention comes up soon. **Please pray** for an increased hunger to hear God's Word; and for funds to complete the building project and extend the ministry.

Australia

Mount Tamborine Christian Convention

Ross Dinar reports that they had a fantastic Easter Convention with just over 750 attending in person. We now look forward to Fuse Youth Camp in July, then Mission Matters in September, followed by Seniors' Get-Away and Capenwray teaching during November. Give thanks for the giving which allowed the purchase of a camp site nearby. **Please pray** for the Board looking at redeveloping some accommodation on site, including improving disabled access. Please pray for the team as they work through these new plans.





Malawi

The Keswick Convention in Malawi has a long and strong history. Please pray for the team in Blantyre, who have faced challenges with sustaining the Convention during Covid times. Please specially pray for pastor **Vincent Chirwa**, the chairman, and his team of fellow workers.



Thank you for your prayers! Please send this bulletin to your teams, and extract news for friends and supporters!

For further information, or for sending future prayer requests, please contact Jonathan Lamb: jonathan.lamb@keswickministries.org

Australia

Katoomba Christian Conventions

Jonathan Dykes tells us that KCC is thankful to God to be back in-person with their Conventions, after 2 years of live-streaming. The Easter Convention and the High-Schoolers event went well. Financially they are still rebuilding, but thankful that Covid opened up new possibilities, including the idea of the development of a mobile App (KCC One) as a platform for distributing messages from the Conventions. Please thank God for his provision day by day, and pray for the team to wait patiently on the Lord; pray God will change and mature his people in faith and holiness.



South Florida

We have been grateful for news over the past year or more from Aubrey Fredericks and the Council of South Florida Keswick. Their large annual Convention is usually held in May, though recent past events have been online or in a hybrid format. Give thanks for the recent event this past May, and please pray for the Committee as they plan for the future. They are keen to attract the younger generation as well as sustain growth amongst their regular congregations.

