

The Keswick Fellowship

International News, April 2023



'The gospel is bearing fruit and growing all over the world!'
(Colossians 1:6).

Thank you for joining the wider family in praying for Conventions and Bible weeks around the world! Events which have had some connection with the Keswick movement are taking place in some 15 countries around the world, and include approaching 90 different Conventions, serving a potential Christian audience of over 40,000 globally. Here are some brief news clips and prayer requests.



Hungary

Attila writes that this year's BalatonNet will take place from **August 14-20**, with the theme: 'Who am I truly? Our identity in Christ'. Pray that the final programme details will fall into place; pray that people will be able to afford to come, since inflation has impacted the economy; pray that God will speak mightily to those present and those online; pray that all expenses will be met.

<https://balatonnet.hu/english/>



Trinidad & Tobago

Ruthann tells us that the 2022 Convention went well, with the Covid-19 format of being on Zoom, held once a month from July to November. Hopefully the 2023 event will take place in person. We continue to work as one committee (North, South and Tobago). This year is the **50th anniversary of Trinidad South**! Please pray for the team as they plan for the year, and for their hopes of having 6 young people joining the committee, and starting a youth arm for the ministry.





Belgrave Heights, Australia

Richard writes: we were blessed with good weather for our Summer Convention and doubly blessed with our two speakers - Ian Coffey (UK) helped us journey through Ruth and Wei-Han Kuan (CMS) travelled with us through Revelation. We were back to around 70% of pre-Covid attendances. Our accommodation project is nearly complete, providing sleeping quarters for 250. Please pray for the remaining finance to be forthcoming - around AUD 800,000 of a \$10 million project.

<https://www.bhc.org.au/>

Durban, South Africa

Greg writes: this year's Keswick Convention will be from **16-20 October**. We hope to have Trevor Dahl as the main speaker. We are exploring the possibility of day time meetings and seminars. People are not too happy about travelling at night because of the dangers: please pray that people will be brave enough to venture out. Our electricity utility is unstable and we have extended 'blackouts' across the country – pray for power (!), for those setting up the Convention, for the speaker, and for live streaming.



Halifax, Nova Scotia

Gordie writes: the Halifax Metro Keswick has been operating for over 43 years and is looking forward to this year's event planned for **May 6-9**, with Roger Willmore as speaker. We have not had our event since Covid. Please pray as we seek much needed revival and as we look to be a blessing to the wider community of believers across all denominations. We appreciate your prayers for the Lord's wisdom and strengthening of our Council as we work together for this and for future years.

<https://keswickconvention.ca/>

Malaysia

Arul writes: this year we are planning two Conventions: **Keswick Penang, June 30-July 1**, with speaker Rev C B Samuel from New Delhi, India; and, for the first time, **Keswick Ipoh, July 21-22**, (capital city of the State of Perak) with speaker bishop Dennis Raj from the Tamil Methodist Church of Malaysia. The subject for both Conventions will be 'Holy Land and Holy People', looking at God's Kingdom and true discipleship. Please pray for both events, and for continued growth in Keswick Malaysia





Japan

Timothy writes: in February we held the Japan Keswick Convention 2023 in our usual way after a 3 year Covid break, with 3 speakers from abroad, and Conventions in 6 cities, from Okinawa in the south to Hokkaido in the north. Attendance was about 80% of that before 2020. Please pray for our challenges: we have aging congregations in attendance, and aging Committee members; we need to reach a wider network of churches; and we must strengthen our financial base. Thank you.



Cayman

Stephen writes: the annual Convention took place just a few weeks ago, with Charles Price as the speaker. We are looking forward to the 50th anniversary of the Cayman Keswick next year! Please pray for plans for that event, and also for renewed interest amongst the churches in joining the planning team.

KCC, Australia

Jonathan writes: Post-pandemic, we're seeing things beginning to settle down a little and people getting back into a rhythm of coming to conventions. In 2023 we're running our convention for ministry workers around Australia (Oxygen) and praying that it will be a real refreshment for them. Please pray that people would be hungry to hear God's word preached at conventions around our country, and pray for God's provision: we're a small team, understaffed, and with lots to do! <https://kcc.org.au/>



Finland

Christian writes: the first convention using the name 'Keswick' was held in 1913 in the city of Borgå, in Swedish. Conventions in Finnish began in 1914, but they became meetings 'for a deeper spiritual life' and are still held annually by a Lutheran revivalist movement, independent of the Keswick movement. An official organisation for the Swedish meetings was founded in 1939. This year's Convention is to be held **September 28-30**. The speaker will be pastor Jukka Norvanto.





MTCC, Australia

Ross writes: Many events are now back in person and numbers are returning to pre-COVID levels. We look forward to Easter Convention in April and a new convention, Seniors Plus, in May. We are currently considering a redevelopment of Panorama Homestead, a 76 bed dormitory style facility. Please pray for the events, and this new development. Picture left: the day of dedication in 1957! <https://www.mtcc.org.au/>

South Florida

Aubrey writes: The South Florida Keswick Convention will be held **May 17th - 21st**, with speaker Rev Cecil U. Quamina (right), Senior Pastor, San Fernando, Trinidad. Our theme is 'Victorious Living in Uncertain Times.' *Note from Jonathan:* please pray for Aubrey too, who is not in good health.

<http://southfloridakeswick.org/>



Kolkata, India

Brother DP writes: after 2 years, we have been able to return to physical meetings in the **Calcutta Keswick**. It was a great blessing, and the speaker brought the Word of God alive during the week-long programme. All aspects of the programme went well - praise and honour to His Holy name! Please pray that His grace will abide with us.

Jamaica

Evadnie writes: The Kingston Keswick held its 63rd Annual Convention under the theme 'Be Transformed to Transform' this past January. This was our first time 'face-to-face' since COVID19 and the turnout was tremendous. We are encouraged by the many lives that were impacted. In addition to the evening services, we hosted lunch hour bible studies at multiple locations, youth and childrens rallies, and mens and womens meetings. Although the event was mostly to strengthen Christians, some 100 adults and children surrendered their lives to Christ. There are 8 Conventions across the island - please pray for these, and also for our hopes to air some of the messages on our local radio and TV stations.





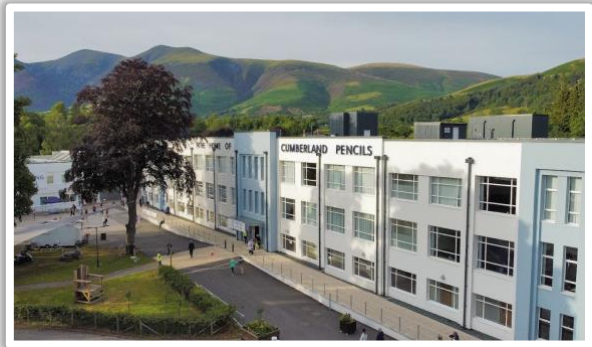
New Zealand

Marty has sent news: the summer Rotorua Convention was a great success, with good weather, amazing speakers and over 350 people, and fun New Year's Eve party! We have launched a new Convention - 'Singled out' is for single Christians age 20-45, and over 120 attended. We thank God for good speakers, amazing staff, and God's blessings on our ministry. Please pray for our AGM on October 28; for a new head chef for our centre; for speakers for our summer convention; for finance and good prices for upgrading accommodation.

<https://www.keswicksummerconvention.co.nz>

UK

Emma writes: A number of UK events have started back post Covid, including the newest event, Cairngorms Convention, held last September. There are many events coming up over the next few months around the country. The 2023 Keswick Convention theme is 'Human' - please pray for this, and also for good attendance and for nourishing teaching at the upcoming teaching and training events; for funds to complete the Derwent Project in Keswick (right); and for encouragement for all those involved in running Keswick events. <https://keswickministries.org/>



Prayer for Malawi

We have been unable to make contact with our friends in **Malawi**, who in the past have run Keswick in Blantyre and elsewhere. The situation has been very demanding in the country, not least through recent severe flooding. Please pray for the churches, the Government, NGOs and our brothers and sisters who have been involved in Keswick in the past.

Spread the news!

It would be wonderful if we could widen our circle of prayer for these many events around the world – please could you send this news bulletin to your committees, your friends, or post on your website? Thank you!

If there are other prayer requests, or if you have particular needs which the wider family might be able to help with, or would like to receive any Keswick publications, **please contact Jonathan:** jonathan.lamb@keswickministries.org.

