



## TODAY Register KIDS for Vacation Bible School (VBS) Crocodile Dock!

Join the fun at Crocodile Dock, where fearless kids shine God's light on Sundays from May 10 to June 7! Parents, you need to sign up your kids by filling out the registration form on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> floor. Be ready for this swamp-tastic adventure! Email Minori Nagatomo at [minori@islandecc.hk](mailto:minori@islandecc.hk).

## TODAY Indonesia Short-term Outreach Info Meeting

Our short term outreach opportunity for Indonesia (August 10-20) is now open for application. We need TEACHERS and also those who have a heart to reach out to university students, English teachers, children and the local churches in Indonesia. Come to our information meeting TODAY from 1.30pm to 3pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Contact Will Pritchard at [will@islandecc.hk](mailto:will@islandecc.hk).

## APR 27 Love English Summer Camp Info Meeting

We need 50 volunteers who have a heart to serve the youth in China. Teach phonics, build friendships and share the love of Christ. Please come to an information meeting on Monday, April 27, from 7.30pm to 9pm at Unit 226, Hankow Center, 5 Hankow Road, Tsim Sha Tsui (opposite YMCA). Contact Joyce Lok at [joyce@ecchk.org](mailto:joyce@ecchk.org) or visit [www.loveenglishcamp.com](http://www.loveenglishcamp.com) for details.

## APR 30 Men's Breakfast

Join the men of Island ECC for breakfast, devotion and prayers on Thursday, April 30, from 7am to 8.30am on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor. Cost: HK\$25 per man. Email [russellbjorkman@hotmail.com](mailto:russellbjorkman@hotmail.com) by April 27.

## MAY 3 The Art of Dating and the Single Life

Being single is special. It is a time of both fun and frustration. You enjoy the freedom, but also desire the intimacy of being in a relationship. Join Pastor Tobin and his wife Christina on Sundays, starting May 3, 11.30am-1pm in Classroom A, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor. To register, email [classes@islandecc.hk](mailto:classes@islandecc.hk).

## MAY 3 Youth Baptism Class

We had our first class but it is not too late to sign up for the Youth Baptism. On June 7, we will be having a special baptism for those between the ages of 11 and 18. Our next class is on Sunday, May 3 at 3pm. Email [marcus@islandecc.hk](mailto:marcus@islandecc.hk) if you are interested.

## MAY 4 New Men's 2:7 Discipleship Study

A 10-week Bible study course, led by Bert Wong, Jim Pang and Luther Tsai will start on Monday, May 4 at 1pm in Langham Place Office Tower, Mongkok. Email [bertwong1@gmail.com](mailto:bertwong1@gmail.com) for info.

## MAY 4 Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Introduction Class for Men

Want to know God better from in-depth Bible study? Find out about BSF weekly studies for men on Monday, May 4, 6:55pm at Hong Kong Baptist Church, 50 Caine Road, Mid-Levels. For details, contact Bill Chew at [bchew@avaya.com](mailto:bchew@avaya.com) or 9022 4472 or visit [www.bsfindernational.org](http://www.bsfindernational.org).

## MAY 9 Volunteers Initiative Program (VIP) Information Workshop

All volunteers are invited on Saturday, May 9, 2pm-6pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to learn about upcoming activities, plans, and various ways to get involved. The new serving commitment will start in September. Come to meet other active and dynamic volunteers! Sign up at [serve@islandecc.hk](mailto:serve@islandecc.hk).

## MAY 12 Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Introduction Class for Ladies

Interested in deepening your relationship with God through in-depth study of the book of John? Please attend BSF's introduction class for ladies on Tuesday, May 12, 7:10pm-9:10pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. For details, contact Angeline Yu at [angiemanyu@gmail.com](mailto:angiemanyu@gmail.com) or visit [www.bsfindernational.org](http://www.bsfindernational.org).

## Youth Mission Trips

The High School (ages 15-18) will be traveling to India to love and serve from June 19 to 28. The Middle School (ages 11-14) will be serving in the Philippines from July 1 to 5 with ICM. If you or your children would like to be a part of these amazing opportunities, email [marcus@islandecc.hk](mailto:marcus@islandecc.hk).

## Tax Receipts 2009

We have mailed out the 2009 tax receipts to all our donors. If you have not received yours, please come to the foyer on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor for the envelope, or email [karen@islandecc.hk](mailto:karen@islandecc.hk).

Children ages 0-2 go straight to their classrooms. Children ages 3-8 go to Kid's Worship in the Lime Room before going to their classes. Children ages 9-10 meet their teachers in the designated area on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor for worship before heading to the 9<sup>th</sup> floor. Please pick up your children from the following rooms:

	9.30am	11.30am	5pm*
Nursery (0-23 months)	Purple	Purple	Navy
Nursery (24-35 months)	Navy	Navy	Navy
Age 3	Yellow	Yellow	Navy
Age 4	Blue	Blue	Blue
Age 5	Aqua & Forest	Aqua	Blue
Age 6	Aqua & Forest	Forest	Blue
Age 7	Lime & Green	Green	Blue
Age 8	Lime & Green	Lime	Blue
Age 9	Orange	Orange	Blue
Age 10	Red	Red	Blue

\*At 5pm, all children go straight to their classes.

## HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a religious home or go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian simply by taking these two steps:

1. Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. (See Romans 3.23)
2. Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again. (See 1 Corinthians 15.3-4)

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving him as God's gift to you. (See John 1.12)

**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.** (Ephesians 2.8-9)

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## TITHES & OFFERINGS

We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully set aside a percentage of their income and donate it to the church on a regular basis. If you want to make special monthly tithing arrangements, please contact our Director of Finance, Karen Kwok at 2864-9334 or email her at [karen@islandecc.hk](mailto:karen@islandecc.hk).

### Fiscal Year 1 Sep - 31 Aug 2009

	Annual Proposed Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Giving	YTD Variance
Operating Fund	\$33m	\$21m	\$23.5m	\$2.5m
		Avg Weekly Budget	Last Week's Giving	Weekly Variance
		\$637,137	\$591,343	-\$45,794

- For cheque payment, please issue to "Island ECC Limited".

- For US citizen/resident who wishes to have a US tax receipt, each donation must be at least US\$100 (or HK\$800) and issued to "Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc." with nothing written on the lower left corner of the cheque. "Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc." will not accept cash offerings. All contributions must be made by cheque.

- For offering via mail, address it to "Island ECC Limited, 8/F, 633 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong". Thank you.

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# All about Ruth

## It Just So Happened

April 26, 2009 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm  
633 King's Road, First and Second Floor





photos: Leadership Training Seminar

# Welcome!

Good morning!

Would you consider yourself a superstitious person? Do you believe in "luck"? Now considering you are in church, I'm guessing that most of you are responding with something like: "No, I believe in God, not in luck". But the reality is that a lot of Christians somehow meld faith and fortune together, and still trust in superstitions and good luck.

I'm actually partially grateful for a culture that holds good luck in such high esteem. I live on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, which is commonly viewed as a "bad luck" floor, since the word for "four" and "death" sound similar. So I was able to negotiate cheaper rent since this is such an undesirable location.

But as followers of Christ, we don't need to hold silly superstitious beliefs. We trust that there is a sovereign God who directs our paths, and guides our ways. Luck has nothing to do with it.

As we look at chapter 2 of Ruth, we will see how her "circumstances" seemed quite "lucky". Her misfortunes from chapter 1 begin to get better, but it's not because of any type of luck, but rather the good and sovereign hand of God.

I pray that you recognise the goodness of your God today as we study the Word together.

APRIL / MAY 2009						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Indonesia Outreach Info Session; Men's Prison; Women's Study; GLOW Book Club	WINGS Outing; Women's Study; SMILE Luncheon; Men's Study; Love English Summer Camp Info Meeting	Women's Studies; Men's Fraternity	Women's Studies; Men's Fraternity	Men's Breakfast; Women's Studies	Women's Study; Encounter	Roadside; Orphanage Outreach; REAL:time
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
New class: Art of Dating & Single Life; Youth Baptism Class; Men's Prison; Women's Prison; GLOW Book Club	WINGS Outing; Women's Study; Men's Studies	Women's Studies; Men's Fraternity	Women's Studies; Men's Fraternity	Women's Studies	Women's Study; Encounter	AWANA; Roadside; Orphanage Outreach; VIP Info Workshop; REAL:time
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Transformers; Women's Study; GLOW Book Club	Women's Study; SMILE Luncheon; Men's Studies	Women's Studies; Men's Fraternity	Women's Studies; Men's Fraternity	Women's Studies	Women's Study; Encounter	AWANA; Roadside; Orphanage Outreach; REAL:time

## MEN / CONTACT TOBIN MILLER / men@islandecc.hk

**Men's Fraternity**  
Men's Fraternity is on **Tuesday at 7.45pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor at the church office and Wednesday at 12.45pm at World Wide House in Central.** This semester we are talking about How to Win At Home and At Work! Be sure to join us! Email men@islandecc.hk or daniel@islandecc.hk.

**Men's Studies**  
**MONDAY** (venue: 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nan Fung Tower, 173 Des Voeux Road, Central)  
• 12.45pm-2pm Walk Across the Room by Bill Hybels Charles Chu (2877-3283 or cc147@netvigator.com)  
**MONDAY** (venue: Langham Place Office Tower, Mongkok)  
• 1pm-2pm 2:7 Discipleship Study Bert Wong (bertwong1@gmail.com)

## WOMEN / CONTACT DONNA PAPA ZIAN / donna@islandecc.hk

**Women's Studies**  
**MONDAY**  
• 7.30pm-9.30pm Encountering the Gospel's Power in Romans Phyllis Yew (9871-6912)  
**TUESDAY**  
• 9.30am-11.30am \*Community Bible Study — Gospel of Mark Kathy Hamilton (6055-2896)  
• 1pm-3pm \*Genesis & Psalms (in Korean) Grace Hur (6033-5791) & Soo Mi Lee (9230-1067) Deanna Sutherland (dsuther1@netvigator.com)  
  
• 12.30pm-2pm \*The Book of Galatians Chung Ling Chee (9172-1043)  
**WEDNESDAY**  
• 10am-12.30pm Precepts Study on the Mount Elaine Cheng (elainecheng100@hotmail.com)  
• 10am-12pm \*Wisdom for Mothers  
**THURSDAY**  
• 9.30am-11.30am The Joy of Women's Friendships Christina Miller (2570-3411) & Julie Turner (2553-4464) Li Yen Loh (9172-8091) Garland Cheng (9094-0091) Grace Lee (glee.dc@gmail.com) & Nancy Yang (nancyyang88@yahoo.com)  
  
• 7.30pm-9pm Ephesians — Women Putting on God's Armor Li Yen Loh (9172-8091)  
• 12.30pm-2pm \*The Power of a Praying Wife  
• 12.45pm-2pm \*Is God Real  
  
**FRIDAY**  
• 10.30am-12.30pm \*Wisdom for Mothers Daphne Chee (daphnechee08@gmail.com) & Natalie Chan (chanmanse@yahoo.com)  
  
**SUNDAY**  
• 11.30am-1pm A Woman of Contentment: Insight into Life's Sorrow and Trials Lorain Wong (lorainwong@yahoo.com) & Rufina Wong (rufinaswong@elic.org)

\* Please contact group leader for meeting location. For full information, visit [www.islandecc.hk](http://www.islandecc.hk).

**Single Mom's Inspirational League ("S.M.I.L.E")**  
S.M.I.L.E consists of caring single mothers who are willing to share, pray and grow in Christ together. Our next regular luncheon is on **April 27**. Mrs. Gretchen Ryan will be speaking to us on parenting. Please contact Terese Cha (tcha@netvigator.com or 9839-1689) or Elaine Louie (elainefaylouie@yahoo.com or 9243-7716) for more information.

## CHILDREN / CONTACT MINORI NAGATOMO / minori@islandecc.hk



Kid's Club is for all children ages 0 to 10. For all kids 3 and up, we offer a different programme at each service. Your kids will not have to "suffer" through the same lesson twice, but instead have two distinct and engaging services if you stay for both services. The under 2s will be cared for and instructed with Baby Beginnings. The 2s will experience life and God's love through Faithweaver lessons.

At 9.30am 3-4 year olds - In The Beginning  
5-8 year olds - Large Group / Small Group  
9-10 year olds - Precepts for Kids

At 11.30am 3-8 year olds - Faithweaver  
9-10 year olds - Precepts for Kids (different material from 9.30am)

At 5pm Childcare for 0-10 year olds.  
**For more information on classes or how you can be involved with Kid's Club, please contact us at kidsclub@islandecc.hk or call 2864-9319.**

## YOUTH / CONTACT MARCUS KROESE / marcus@islandecc.hk



Tired of sitting around and doing nothing on Saturday nights? Join REAL:time this Saturday at 5.30pm for an OUT OF THIS WORLD experience! It is designed for Christians and non-Christians alike (ages 11-14) and focuses on the JOY we find in CHRIST! This week we will be playing some crazy games and your favorite Jon will be sharing. Come and find out what you've been missing out...



Looking for some clarity in your fast-paced world? Come to ENCOUNTER where we experience LIFE together! It is designed to be a time when you can come in contact with the One who created and loves you. Non-Christians and Christians between the ages of 15-18 are all welcomed! This week Jon will be sharing; come and experience community.



Join our Transformer class designed specifically for you! Ages 11-14 meet during the first service at 9.30am. Ages 15-18 meet during the second service at 11.30am! Middle School continues to meet in small groups and High School will be learning from our very own Jennifer Hammonds! See you there!

For more information, please check out our website at [www.islandyouth.hk](http://www.islandyouth.hk).

## CARE GROUPS / CONTACT TOBIN MILLER / caregroup@islandecc.hk

Do you find it hard to meet people after the church service? Want to be involved in a vibrant community of other believers — sharing life experiences and encouraging one other in the Christian life? You need to be in a care group so you can develop deep fellowship with others, pray and be prayed for, worship and study God's Word. Get connected TODAY! For more information, pick up a pamphlet or check out [www.islandecc.hk/groups](http://www.islandecc.hk/groups).

## GLOBAL OUTREACH / CONTACT WILLIAM PRITCHARD / will@islandecc.hk

**Roadside — Cantonese Youth Outreach**  
Roadside Ministry is a local outreach to teenagers, many who are orphaned or have difficult home situations. We meet at **633 King's Road, Quarry Bay** for a time of fellowship, songs, games on the following days:  
• **Saturday, 12pm to 4pm** — Roadside activities (Youth Room, 9<sup>th</sup> floor)  
• **Sunday afternoon** — local teens English tutoring (Classroom A, 8<sup>th</sup> floor)  
If you are interested, please email **Ida McCormack** at [idadacks@hotmail.com](mailto:idadacks@hotmail.com).  
• **Saturday, 10am to 12noon** — primary children programme of Po Leung Kuk. Call **Pat Cheng** at 2792-7284.

We are starting a playgroup for the refugees' children (ages 2-5) in May on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor. We need volunteers who can teach and minister the love of Jesus to each of these children or fellowship and minister to their parents. Classes will be on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11am to 2pm** (during school terms). If you are interested, please email **Ida McCormack** at [idadacks@hotmail.com](mailto:idadacks@hotmail.com).

## Filipino Ministries / CONTACT RIZA GUEVARRA / riza@islandecc.hk

- Today's activity : Bible study on Self-Image with Deanna Sutherland at 2.30pm  
: April birthday celebration at 6pm
- Saturday's activities : Cantonese class with Horace Lo from 10am to 11.30pm  
: Lunch fellowship at 1.30pm  
: Bible study on Ordinary Day with Jessus
- Upcoming Events : May 24 - "More Precious than Rubies" post Mother's Day celebration at 2.30pm  
Speaker: Daphane Kuok

## Indonesian Ministries / CONTACT RIANI PARDEDE / riani@islandecc.hk

- Today's programmes : Join English service at Quarry Bay at 9.30am  
: Join all Indonesian churches for Easter Outreach at 3pm  
: English class from 2.30pm to 4.30pm
- Saturday's activity : Bible study at 2pm
- English classes : Starting on May 16: every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday / Sunday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
: Starting on May 18: every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday / Thursday from 2pm to 4pm

Please encourage your Indonesian helpers to join us. All Indonesian Ministries programmes are held at the Takbir Community Centre, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Morecrown Commercial Building, 108 Electric Road, North Point (Tin Hau MTR Exit A2).

## Short Term Mission Trips

- **Hubei Love English Camp:** July 11 - 19 (open for application)
- **Mongolia:** July 25 - August 2 or July 31 - August 9 (application closed)
- **Indonesia:** August 10 - 20 (open for application)

## MERCY MINISTRIES / CONTACT BRENDA COX / brenda@islandecc.hk

### English-Speaking Nursing Home Outreach

A team from Island ECC visits the residents who live in the China Coast Community Nursing Home in Kowloon Tong every last Sunday of the month from 3pm to 4.30pm. Our goal for the visit is to follow God's mandate to care for and extend compassion to the elderly and the widowed. We have one-on-one time with the residents, engage in games and crafts, sing or read stories together.

### Men's Prison Ministry

Island ECC has a team of men who visits Pik Uk Correctional Institute in Sai Kung and Tung Tau Correctional Institute in Stanley several times each month. We are looking for more **MEN** to conduct Bible study, worship, prayer, and one-on-one time with the inmates.

If you are interested or would like to join the team, please contact **Brenda Cox** at [brenda@islandecc.hk](mailto:brenda@islandecc.hk).

## WAYS TO PRAY

**Corporate Prayer** - Join us in praying for our church, community and the world:

- Sunday 8.30am - 9.30am Prayer Room, 8<sup>th</sup> floor
- Sunday 11am - 11.30am Living Room, 8<sup>th</sup> floor
- Wednesday 7am - 8am Living Room, 8<sup>th</sup> floor
- Thursday 12.30pm - 2pm Chiaphua Ltd., 19/F, Worldwide House, 19 Des Voeux Road, Central

### Come Talk to Us

Do you have questions about life or simply want to talk to us? Meet us near the stage after each service.

April 26, 2009

## It Just So Happened

### Ruth 2

<sup>1</sup>Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

<sup>2</sup>And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favour." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

<sup>3</sup>So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.

<sup>4</sup>And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered, "The Lord bless you."

#### Priestly blessing

##### Numbers 6:24

The Lord bless you and keep you.

<sup>5</sup>Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"

<sup>6</sup>And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.

<sup>7</sup>She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."

<sup>8</sup>Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women.

<sup>9</sup>Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn."

<sup>10</sup>Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favour in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

<sup>11</sup>But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before.

<sup>12</sup>The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!"

<sup>13</sup>Then she said, "I have found favour in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants."

## It Just So Happened

### God on superstition

#### Isaiah 65:11-12

<sup>11</sup>But you who forsake the Lord, who forget My holy mountain, who set a table for Fortune and fill cups of mixed wine for Destiny.

<sup>12</sup>I will destine you to the sword, and all of you shall bow down to the slaughter, because, when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not listen, but you did what was evil in My eyes and chose what I did not delight in.

### God's care for the poor

#### Leviticus 19:9-10

<sup>9</sup>When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest.

<sup>10</sup>And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.

#### Galatians 2:10

Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

## ISLAND CONNECTIONS continued...

I am interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning more about Island ECC                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning more about how to become a Christian         | <input type="checkbox"/> Talking to church leader            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signing up for _____<br>(events / class / care group) | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership / Baptism                |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Receiving prayer by the prayer team |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                         |

Comments or prayer requests

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## ISLAND CONNECTIONS

Whether you are our guest or a member of Island ECC, we are glad you have chosen to worship with us! **We would love to connect with you.** Do you have a need or a prayer request? Please take a moment to fill out the section below and place it in the offering bag, or at a designated box on the 1st or 2nd floor.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Today I attended the service at:

9.30am  11.30am  5pm

On the:

1st Floor  2nd Floor