

The Seed of Hope

But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can You give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.” Then He said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness.

⁷ He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”⁸ But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

⁹ So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”¹⁰ Abram brought all these to Him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half.

¹⁷ When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.

Genesis 15:2-10, 17 (NIV)

HIGHLIGHTS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We would like to invite you, your family and friends to worship with us during our special Christmas Eve Services. These special candlelight services will be held at 4 pm and 6 pm, with nursery care (2 and under) for both services provided on the 10/F.



CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR VOLUNTEERS

'Tis the season! For singing! Every year we hold very special Christmas Eve Services and if you've ever wanted to be involved, now's your chance! We are looking for volunteers to participate in a special choral moment during both services on 24 December; one prior rehearsal is mandatory. All ages welcome! Register online at islandecc.hk/christmaschoir

TODAY LOVE OFFERING

Every Christmas time Island ECC blesses and advances God's work in Hong Kong and around the world. We do this through the Love Offering, which is one way we partner with a wide variety of organisations and individuals involved in innovative, courageous and faithful ministry. Pray about what you will give this year; your offering can be placed in the envelope provided. For more info, visit islandecc.hk/outreach/lo2019

TODAY KIDS CLUB FX: CHRISTMAS

Come join us at Christmas Kids Club FX for the biggest family party of the year. We will be highlighting "Joy" – finding a way to be happy, even when things don't go your way. Bring your family and invite your friends to this Christmas party! 1:30 pm, 1/F Worship Hall. Invitations are available for at 9/F Welcome Desk.

TODAY ISLAND ECC CALENDAR 2020

The 2020 Island ECC Calendar is now available for sale on 1/F, 2/F and 10/F at \$50 each.

TODAY QUENCH CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE

Come pick up some Christmas gifts for your family and friends at the Quench Christmas Book Sale now. Special discounts on selected adult and children's titles while stocks last.

TODAY BAPTISM CLASSES

If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class on Dec 8 and 15, 9:30 am, 11/F Living Room A. Sign up at islandecc.hk/baptism

DEC 15 BUILD-A-CHRISTMAS-BAG

Spread Christ's love by assembling Christmas bags for women in our Filipino and Indonesian ministries. All materials are provided, so come help fill the bag with goodies and create a handwritten note. Walk-ins welcomed, hope to see you there! Join us next Sunday, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Register at islandecc.hk/buildachristmasbag

DEC 17 FESTIVE, FUN AND FEAST AT MEN'S NIGHT

Want to start the festive season with a bang? We got your back! We have crazy amounts of food and drinks, and challenging games that test your strength. 7 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Cost is \$200 per person. Register at 1/F Connect Counter. For more info, email men@islandecc.hk

DEC 30 DONATIONS VIA FRIENDS OF HONG KONG CHARITIES INC.

Please note that donation cheques for Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc. for 2019 should be dated and submitted no later than Dec 30. Anything received after this date will be considered as a donation for 2020.

JAN – FEB ISLAND YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

Registration Deadline: 15 December

Island Youth students have the opportunity to grow in their faith, serve, and see what God is doing by going on a mission trip just after CNY. High school will be going to Bacolod with ICM and middle school will be going to Cebu with Agape. To sign up or for more information, email youth@islandecc.hk

CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to islandecc.hk/classes.

JAN 19 GROW DISCIPLESHIP COURSE INFO SESSION

GROW deeper in your relationship with God by developing habits like quiet time, reading God's Word and being in fellowship. Sign up for the info session on Jan 19, 1:30 pm. New season starts on Feb 2.

OUTREACH

DEC 10 MEN'S VIETNAM MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION

Trip Dates: 21-28 Mar / Registration Deadline: 31 Dec

Faith without action is dead. Men's Vietnam Mission Trip is a training ground to flex your faith muscles. You will join a band of brothers to sharpen and cover each other. Join us at our Info Session on 10 Dec, 7 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. For more info, email men@islandecc.hk

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY PHOTOGRAPHY VOLUNTEERS

There's a lot happening around church on Sundays that we often miss and we'd love for you to capture these God-filled moments with your camera! Sunday photography could include worship, sermon, classes, baptisms, or anything fun that's happening at church. Sign up by email at serve@islandecc.hk

SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Serving is at the heart of everything we do at Island ECC. It reflects the heart of God as Jesus declared that even He came to serve. If you want to help us make Sunday services awesome by making church warm and welcoming, brewing coffee register at islandecc.hk/volunteer

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about the below job opportunities, go to islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities. If you are interested, send your CV and cover letter to hr@islandecc.hk.

- Coordinator of Youth Ministry

		(14 Weeks)
25 Nov	2 Dec	
1,585	1,663	\$22.3M
1,128	1,126	\$16.7M
(457)	(537)	-\$5.6M -25.1%

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