

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Global Outreach Partner Focus

Island ECC has partnered with Thong and Mary Tao in Vietnam since 2002. Their work with Campus Crusade for Christ involves coordinating access to the Jesus film and church planting movements. Prayer requests: (1) Freedom of the gospel in Vietnam; (2) Unity of churches to train lay leaders and church planters in spreading the gospel; (3) God's enabling to reach their goal of planting 12 small groups by the end of 2013. (5pm, 1/F)

APR 26 FUSE: Losing Our Religion

Attention Young Adults: There have been some recent studies that show many people are now declaring with more conviction that they don't believe in God. Yet, at the same time, Christianity is still growing around the world. What's going on? Join us, 7.30pm, 2/F to explore this more!

APR 27 Sports Fellowship Ultimate Frisbee Outing

The Sports Fellowship invites you to an Ultimate Frisbee outing, 10am-12noon, at Chinese International School. We will meet at 9.30am at the Tin Hau MTR Station. Tickets are \$20 covering water and frisbees for the event. Sign up at the Connect Counter.

APR 28 - MAY 26 New Class: Life of Jesus

This 5 week class at 11.30am will delve into Mark's gospel and provide participants with an understanding and appreciation of the places Jesus walked on earth and how these related to his life and ministry. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for detail and registration.

MAY 4 Walking with God

Want to try walking with God? Join us hike where we also intentionally spend personal time with God and have fun. Meet us at Exchange Square Bus Terminal in Central at 10am. Register online at www.islandecc.hk/prayerhike. For inquiries, email prayer@islandecc.hk.

MAY 5 Newcomers Lunch

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch at 1.30pm on the 2/F. There is no cost for this lunch, but you do need a ticket to get in, so please pick up one today at the Connect Counter.

MAY 13 - JULY 15 Mixed Netball League

Recruiting guys & girls for the mixed netball league 2013 to play on Monday nights. Cost is \$250 per person. Email teamsports@islandecc.hk to register or for more information.



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WATCH FOR... ON THE CITY

Opportunities to serve with Hope Of The City in Sham Shui Po

- **Adopt-A-Family** — Volunteers needed to befriend and share the love of Christ to low-income families. Briefing session: April 28, 1.30pm, 8/F.
- **After-school Homework Help** — Cantonese-speaking volunteers needed to help low-income primary school aged students with their homework. Visit The City/Local Outreach for details. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER ON 1/F

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counter is located on the 1F and volunteers are there to answer any questions you might have about Island ECC and its different ministries and events.

2 JOIN THE CITY

The City is the online connection point for Island ECC. It's limited to the people who attend our church and over 1,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events, the chance to connect with others and more!

3 CHECK OUR WEBSITE

By visiting www.islandecc.hk, you'll have access to information about all our ministries, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including video podcasts of sermons.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

HE LOVES

God loves you because he chooses to. "God wasn't attracted to you and didn't choose you because you were big and important... He did it out of sheer love..." (Deut. 7:7-8). He loves you so much that...

HE GAVE

He gave Jesus, His one and only Son. While we do wrong things daily, Jesus is sinless. Though sinless, Jesus took our sin. He died on the cross in our place. Our response to this great gift is simple...

WE BELIEVE

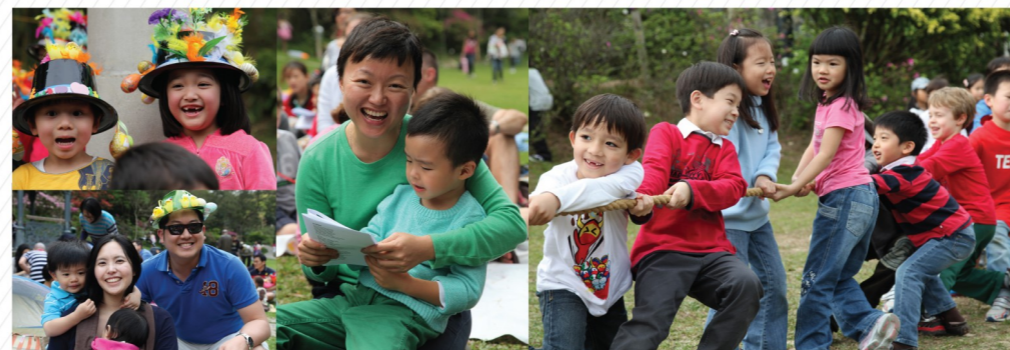
We trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us. We believe in Him.

WE LIVE

God gives us brand-new life. We have joy because of his Spirit living within us. Little by little his Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus. No guilt in life, no fear of death, He gives life, now ... and for eternity.

You can tell God you accept Him now.
"Father, I believe you love me. You gave your one and only Son so I can live forever with you. Apart from you, I die. With you, I live. I choose life. I choose you."

photos: Family Easter Picnic at the Peak



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Sloth To Work

¹¹ We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies.

¹³ And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

² Thessalonians 3:11,13

Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and with man.

Luke 2:52

1. Growing in wisdom: Your vocation

2. Growing in stature: Your health

3. Growing in favour with God: Your spiritual life

4. Growing in favour with people: Your relationships

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE MEMORY

A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment?

Ecclesiastes 2: 24-25