

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## TODAY Philippines Outreach Info-Session

What is it like to live on US\$0.50 a day? Let's help share God's love to the destitute through building projects, feeding programmes, testimonies and encouragements. Come find out more, 2-4pm, 8/F, Room C. Email go@islandecc.hk for additional information.

## TODAY Morocco Mission Trip Sharing

Learn how this year's team ministered to the physically handicapped, residents of remote villages, and inner city children and women, as well as how they used their business & IT skills to help vulnerable people keep up with today's economy. 8/F, Room B, 2-4pm.

## DEC 7 Bethlehem Bound — Christmas Play

Last opportunity for tickets today from the Connect Counter for the 3 shows. \$100/child with accompanying adult and \$50/audience. Play is followed by Cast Party and Craft Sales for Global Outreach. For more information contact kidclub@islandecc.hk.

## DEC 8 Christmas Love Offering

Our annual Christmas Love Offering for missions will be taken on December 8 and 15. More details next week.

## DEC 8 Quench Christmas Book Sale

Do you need to pick up some Christmas gifts or a new book for your holiday travels? For the next 3 Sundays and at our Christmas Eve services, we'll be having a book sale in Quench on 1/F. Come early to find some of our most popular titles at discounted prices.

## DEC 8 Christmas Stockings — Return Deadline

For anyone who has taken a Christmas stocking or bag, please return it to the table on 1/F or 10/F by the 8th, latest. If you cannot return it, please contact localoutreach@islandecc.hk.

## DEC 14 Women's Ministries' Christmas Breakfast

Here is a great opportunity for you to invite your non-Christian friend to hear about the hope we have in Jesus. Ada and Denise Tam will be sharing their amazing life-changing story at the American Club, 9.30-11.30am. Buy your tickets at the Connect Counter (1/F or 10/F) for HK\$180 per person or HK\$300 for two. Tickets are limited.

## DEC 14 FUSE: Christmas Bus Carolling

Hey Young Adults! You know that Christmas carolling is a great way to spread Christmas cheer, right? But imagine zooming through Hong Kong on an open top double decker bus, singing carols in Causeway Bay and Central! Join us, 7-10pm. Tickets are at the Connect Counter for \$50 only. Contact youngadults@islandecc.hk for more details.

## DEC 24 Christmas Eve Services

Invite your friends and family and come along to our special Christmas Eve Services to be held on 1/F, 2/F and 10/F at 6pm and 9pm. Childcare will be provided at 6pm.

### DancersUNITE!

Hey, who doesn't like to dance? If you like to move it, move it, you're invited to send an audition video of your dancing (any style) to creativesunite@islandecc.hk. Our worship dance instructor, Michelle Wong will review submissions and be in touch!



## New On The City

### Advent Devotions

Look out for the daily devotionals appearing on The City from TODAY.

### Greece and Turkey Study Trip 2014

We are organising a study trip to Greece and Turkey, April 26 - May 6, 2014. For detailed information, check out <http://islandecc.onthecity.org/groups/8433/topics/1421413>.

### Job Vacancies on The Marketplace

- Hope of the City is seeking to hire a Local Outreach Programme Administrator.
- Kid's Club Nursery is looking for 2 more Sunday-only Nursery Workers (Contract) to love our Infants & Toddlers (0-3).

### NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

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### 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.

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### 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!

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### CHECK OUR WEBSITE

By visiting [www.islandecc.hk](http://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."

FUSE: Singles Conference



December 1, 2013

## Jesus Is Coming

<sup>5</sup>In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. <sup>6</sup>Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. <sup>7</sup>But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

<sup>11</sup>Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup>When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. <sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. <sup>14</sup>He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, <sup>15</sup>for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. <sup>16</sup>He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup>And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous — to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

<sup>76</sup>"And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him,

<sup>77</sup>to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,

<sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

<sup>79</sup>to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the path of peace."

<sup>80</sup>And the child grew and became strong in spirit;

and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

Luke 1: 5-7, 11-17, 76-80

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