

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## TODAY GO Supported Partners Prayer Focus

Island ECC partners with Chew and Aileen Thong to support their ministry with ethnic minorities from Thailand and surrounding countries to produce culturally appropriate media from the translated Bible for their own people group, to encourage scripture engagement, discipleship and outreach.

## TODAY New Class: Domestic Helper Management

How can we improve communication with our helpers to be a good employer? How to balance being firm but fair? Join Melaine Leung-Shea for a 4 week class to learn practical tips, assess your management style and household needs, and address some of the difficult questions. **9.30am, 8/F.** Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for registration.

## NOV 2 Outreach: Hurting More Than Helping?

Are we doing more harm than good in our effort to fight poverty? Are good intentions enough? What are best practices? Come to our GO Core Meeting to discuss and learn more about this vital topic. **2-4pm, 9/F Kids Worship Hall,** (light lunch provided at 1pm). RSVP to [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk).

## NOV 5 Integrating Faith and Work Study Group

We are launching a new Study Group starting Wednesday, November 5 for 6 weeks to explore how we can integrate faith and work. Led by Alistair Chiu (pastoral ministry) and Patricia Lau (banker), this group aims at singles in their 30s and 40s. Send question to [alistair.chiu@islandecc.hk](mailto:alistair.chiu@islandecc.hk). Download a pdf brochure at <http://bit.ly/islandfaithwork1105>.

## NOV 8 CORE Leadership Conference

We are hosting our first ever CORE Leadership Conference, **9am-5pm.** If you are a volunteer leader in any of these ministries — Care Groups, Men, Women, Youth, Kids Club, Mission trips, Prayer, Sunday services, Worship, Local Outreach — this conference is for you! Mark your calendar. Tickets available at Connect Counter. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/core/> for details.

## NOV 9 Newcomers Lunch

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch, **1.15pm, 2/F.** There is no cost for this lunch, but you do need a ticket to get in, so please pick one up today at the Connect Counter on your floor.

## NOV 9 Uganda Sharing Session

Come and hear our stories from Uganda where our faithful God brought new life to the orphans, healing to the sick, and a crown of beauty to those victimised in the war. We want to share with you our journey with the Holy Spirit. **2.30pm, 9/F Kids Worship Hall.**

## NOV 16 New Class: Nurturing Your Marriage #2

Your marriage is special and worth attention. Join other couples for this two-week "check-up" class to enrich your marriage. Participating couples will be provided with a free on-line instrument which gives you private feed-back on how you are doing on the essentials of marriage. Take this time for great reminders and practical helps in fine tuning your marriage. **11.30am, Room A, 8/F.** Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for registration.

## NOV 22 Manna Conference

Come join this annual citywide event supported by Island ECC and Hope of the City to hear about God's work among the marginalised, underprivileged and the oppressed in Hong Kong. Speakers includes Jackie Pullinger, Dr. Agnes Liu of Jubilee Ministries. **1.30-6pm, International Christian Assembly, 483 King's Road, North Point.** Free tickets available at Connect Counters. Email [info@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:info@hopeofthecity.com) for more info.



## New On The City

Stay connected to other families, friends and the larger Island ECC community on The City, a social network tailored specifically to our church. You'll have the opportunity to read weekly devotionals from our pastors, prayer thoughts from our leadership team, event information and even a marketplace to sell items or find a rental property. Sign up on our website by clicking The City link.

### NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

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#### MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counters are located on the 1/F, 2/F and 10/F. 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 3,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events and the chance to connect with others. Sign up now at the Connect Counter.

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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."

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## Against The Flow

<sup>9</sup>... you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

<sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honourable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:9-12

### Counter-cultural living:

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Uganda Mission Trip



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