

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## TODAY **Baby Dedication**

It is our joy today to witness the dedication to the Lord of Joshua Ji. Joshua was born 30 November 2013 to Richard and Vicky. We warmly welcome visiting family and friends (11.30am, 10/F).

## TODAY & DEC 7 **Outreach Christmas Gifts**

Please remember to return your gold gift bags to the collection boxes placed on each floor by December 7. Thank you for the generous gifts to the orphans in Shenzhen and the Filipino/Indonesian Ministries!

## DEC 3 **FUSE — Young Adults Fellowship**

FUSE is a fellowship for young adults/young professionals (age: 20s to early 30s) who would like to connect with God and other young adults. We will meet this Wednesday at **7.30pm** in **The Studio** (321 Java Rd, 1/F). There will be food, teaching, discussion and time to hang out!

## DEC 6 **Door-to-Door Visits in Sham Shui Po**

Hope of the City is recruiting around 20 Cantonese-speaking volunteers for a new round of door-to-door visits in Sham Shui Po, **2.30-5.30pm**. Volunteers will help inform residents about social service programmes. Email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com) for more information.

## DEC 7 **Quench Christmas Book Sale**

Do you need to pick up some Christmas gifts or a new book to bring with you on your holiday travels? Save up to 40% on selected children's and adult titles. For 3 Sundays starting from December 7. While stock lasts.

## DEC 7 **New Class: The IS: What Every Christian Must Know and Do**

Hong Kong is far from Iraq and Syria, but the ultimate goal of the IS (Islamic State) affects everyone. This class will equip you with information not available through Al Jazeera, BBC, CNN, and other news media. **2pm, 8/F, Room A**. Visit [www.islandecc.hk/classes](http://www.islandecc.hk/classes) for registration.

## DEC 7 **Cambodia Business As Mission Trip Application Deadline**

This trip (Feb 27-Mar 5, 2015) will focus on discipling young Christian leaders in business/entrepreneurship and marketplace outreach, includes a business plan competition and visiting kingdom businesses. Info at [www.islandecc.hk/ministries/missions](http://www.islandecc.hk/ministries/missions) or email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk).

## DEC 12 **FUSE: Bus Carolling**

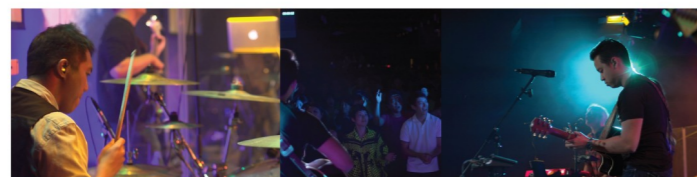
Hey Young Adults! It's that time of year again to spread some Christmas cheer from an open top bus going 80km/h through Hong Kong Island (**7-10pm**)! So, come all ye faithful to the Bus Carolling Party! Tickets are \$50 at the Connect Counters. Info: [youngadults@islandecc.hk](mailto:youngadults@islandecc.hk).

## DEC 13 **Women's Christmas Breakfast**

Reserve your place today for a wonderful celebration with other women. This joyous event is a great opportunity to reach out to a special friend and invite them to join you at The American Club, Central, at **9.30am**. Pick up tickets at \$200 each from the Connect Counters.

## DEC 31 **Deadline for Friends of Hong Kong Charities Donations**

Please note that donation cheques for Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc. to be accounted for in 2014 should be dated and handed in no later than December 31. Anything received after this date will be considered as a 2015 donation. Thank you.



## New On The City

Look out for our Advent Devotional Thoughts every day from 1-25 December written by people from across the ministries.

### NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

#### 1 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.

#### 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 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.

#### 3 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."

ReNEW Live Album Recording



November 30, 2014

## Detox 3: Cleansing Your Words

*<sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.*

James 3:7-10

*The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.*

Proverbs 12:18

*<sup>33</sup>Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. <sup>34</sup>You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.*

Matthew 12:33-34

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*<sup>29</sup>Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

*<sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

Ephesians 4:29-30

2. \_\_\_\_\_

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.*

Ephesians 4:31

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*My brothers, these things ought not to be so.*

James 3:10

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:32

*Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.*

Proverbs 16:24