

Welcome!

I came across a quote from a dear friend of mine, and my senior pastor/ boss before I came to Hong Kong. In exchange for my weekly welcome words, I was inspired by his words and wanted to share them with you. About gratitude, Ronnie Stevens, writes:

“A thankful person enjoys a perpetual feast. Gratitude is the confession that we have a Benefactor who is attentive and engaged. Gratitude humbles our prosperity and sweetens our adversity. It honors the Creator, enrages the opposer and ennobles the living of our days. It walks joyous among the virtues and rallies a strong defense against discouragement. Celebrate it as an achievement, wear it as an ornament, teach it as a discipline.”

I hope that today you are able to deepen your sense of expressed gratitude, both to God and to others.

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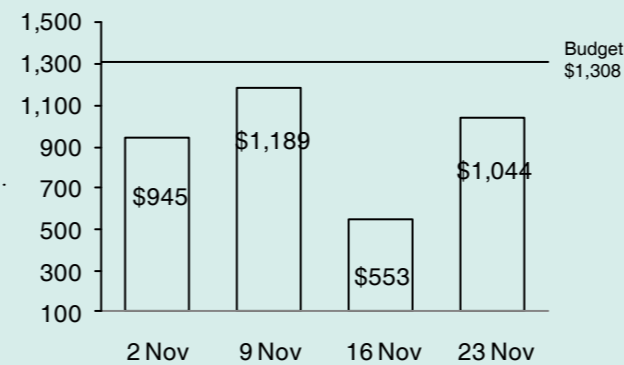
FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016

YEAR TO DATE (12 WEEKS)

-22.59% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$ 15.692M
YTD Giving \$ 12.147M
YTD Variance \$ -3.545M

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



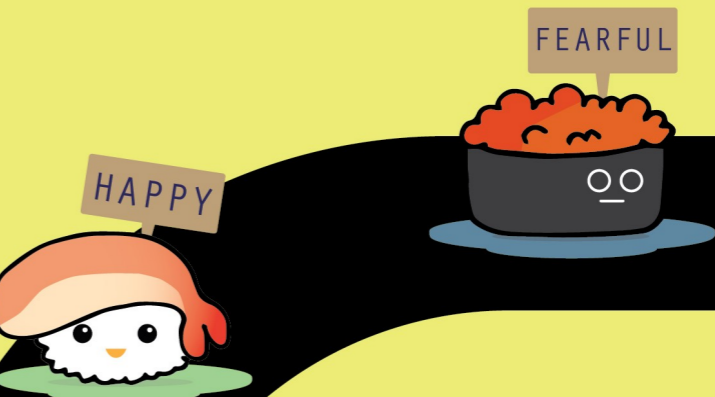
	2 Nov	9 Nov	16 Nov	23 Nov
Weekly Budget	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
Weekly Giving	945	1,189	553	1,044
Weekly Variance	-363	-119	-755	-263

GIVING TO ISLAND ECC We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

Cheques payable to 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts or to 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens. More info at islandecc.hk/give. Enquiries to karen.kwok@islandecc.hk.

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RAW EMOTION

Gratitude

November 29, 2015 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TICKETING

Due to your overwhelming enthusiasm for the Christmas Eve services at Queen Elizabeth Stadium, we have only a limited number of tickets to the 4pm and 8pm services left. We would like to release them to those who did not get the chance to pick up a ticket last week. These will be available at the end of service only. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

TODAY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT ISLAND ECC

Christmas is around the corner! If you are looking to pick up some Christmas gifts for your family and friends, there are opportunities for you to do so here at Island ECC:

- Holiday Christmas cushions available at G/F Lobby. Appreciate donations of \$50+ per cushion.
- Quench Christmas book sale on 1/F and 10/F. Up to 50% off selected adult and children's titles. While stocks last.

TODAY CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

Please bring back the filled gift bags for the Orphanage, Filipino and Indonesian Ministries, and drop them off at the collection box on your floor latest by next Sunday. We are deeply grateful for your participation in making Christmas special during this season.

TODAY YOUTH THANKSGIVING LUNCH

We are hosting our annual Youth Thanksgiving Lunch today at 1.30pm in The Well (11/F) and invite all families in the youth ministry to come and celebrate with us. See you there!

DEC 6 VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteering is love in motion! Serving as a volunteer at Island ECC is both a fun and rewarding way to help the church family. Come and hear about volunteer opportunities, 1.30pm-2.30pm, 10/F Living Room. Lunch will be provided. Sign up at the Connect Counter on your floor today.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

DEC 13 PARIS AND THE ISLAMIC STATE: WHAT EVERYONE MUST KNOW

A series of coordinated attacks in Paris on Nov 13 resulted in the deaths of at least 128 people. What are the root causes of this atrocity? Join Lincoln Loo for this one-off class which will provide the analysis that is lacking in major news reports and social media. 2.30pm-4.30pm, 10/F Classroom.

OPPORTUNITIES

RECEPTIONIST/COORDINATOR

We are looking to hire a full-time Receptionist/Coordinator for our church office. A cheerful friendly personality, good administrative skills, ability to multi-task, and excellent spoken and written English & Cantonese required. Email hr@islandecc.hk with a cover letter and CV.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

We are looking for a full-time Accounting Assistant to work in the church's busy Finance Department. Good math and computer skills, especially Excel, are required and a willingness to develop accounting skills. Email hr@islandecc.hk with a cover letter and CV.

DANCERS WANTED

We are recruiting talented hip hop and jazz dancers for the Christmas Eve services. You must be able to learn choreography quickly. Send in your dance footage to worship@islandecc.hk for an audition.



OUTREACH

TODAY CAMBODIA MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION

How does God show His character as a God of Justice in Cambodia? What has been done in Cambodia to help human trafficking survivors know God and His love? Join us for our sharing session. 1.30pm-3pm, 10/F Living Room.

DEC 6 INDONESIA TRIP SHARING SESSION

The Sundanese people of West Java are one of the least reached people groups in the world (25,000 Christians out of a population of 24 million!). Come hear about our trip to support a ministry that's bringing the gospel to this unique people group. 1:30pm-3pm, 11/F Small Group Room.

DEC 13 CHRISTMAS SEASON HOME VISIT

As Charlie Brown once said, "Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone". Hope of the City is looking for 25 volunteers to bless the North Point area neighbourhood through home visits, 2pm-4.30pm. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

DEC 13 PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION

Do you have a passion to serve and share God's love and message with the poor? The ICM Kids Camp gives 80 children living in the slums of the Philippines the opportunity to participate in acting, crafts, singing, sports and more. The trip will run March 30 - April 5. Meet the leaders and find out more, 3pm, 11/F The Well. Email tim.latour@islandecc.hk with any questions.

DEC 13 HELP MOTHER'S CHOICE - REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Do you want to transform lives of young girls facing crisis pregnancy and children without families? Join Mother's Choice Flag Day as a flag seller on Saturday, January 16, 2016! Flags can be sold in any public place in Hong Kong from 7am to noon. Families welcome. Register at www.motherschoice.org/flagday or call 3915 5740.

YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

High School and Middle School students will be serving in the Philippines during CNY (9-14 Feb 2016). High School students will head to Bohol with ICM, and Middle School students will go to Cebu with Agape Ministry. For more information contact youth@islandecc.hk.

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

Gratitude

¹¹ Now on His way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As He was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met Him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴ When He saw them, He said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him – and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then He said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Luke 17:11-19

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:6-9

NEW TO ISLAND ECC

MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

- 1 We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! Visit the Connect Counters on 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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

- 2 Check out www.islandecc.hk, where you'll have access to information about all our ministries and events, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including weekly blog posts and video podcasts of sermons.

Children's Ministries VBS (Vacation Bible School)

