

# Welcome!

I hope you were able to experience a refreshing time at our Renew Night of Worship on Friday. I love these nights and always walk away encouraged, refreshed, and - well - renewed.

There are so many great opportunities coming up: Journey of Prayer, Mom's Day and Men's Retreat, just to name a few. The staff have been working feverishly to bring all of these great opportunities together. I hope you will take advantage of these and, in doing so, find you are feeding your soul.

I hope you are loving the David series as much as I am. I'm falling in love all over again with the story of his life and am remarkably impressed by the relevance to our life today. Today is most likely a story you've never heard before but one that I hope you will never forget.

*Brett*

Are you new here?  
Come to our Newcomers Lunch  
3 December, 2017  
1:30pm, 10F Living Room

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## BOLD FAITH OUR FOUR GOALS

The Bold Faith fund campaign is an initiative to establish a permanent venue in Hong Kong to advance God's kingdom. The objective is to raise sufficient funds to procure and own a building to enable our church to multiply ministries and serve our city well.

**BRING**  
PEOPLE  
TO WORSHIP  
JESUS

**OPTIMISE**  
TRAINING AND  
LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT

**LOVE**  
THE CITY

**DEEPEN**  
RELATIONSHIPS  
AND  
COMMUNITY

## Bold Faith Fund [Target \$1 Billion]

Received	\$107.5M	Outstanding Pledged	\$28.2M
Total Fund Received and Pledged \$135.7M			

## GENERAL OFFERING

### YEAR TO DATE (10 WEEKS)

-21.9% deficit on giving

Budget	\$14.6M
Giving	\$11.4M
Variance	-\$3.2M

## GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

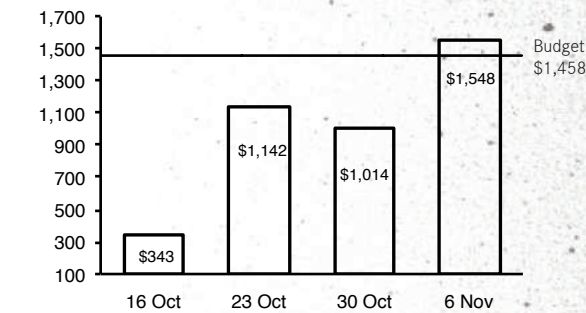
We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

Cheques payable:  
• 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts  
• 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens

Enquiries:  
[giving@islandecc.hk](mailto:giving@islandecc.hk)

## FISCAL YEAR SEP 2017 - AUG 2018

### PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



WEEKLY	16 Oct	23 Oct	30 Oct	6 Nov
Budget	1,458	1,458	1,458	1,458
Giving	343	1,142	1,014	1,548
Variance	(1,115)	(316)	(444)	90



# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY BABY DEDICATIONS

We are delighted today to join with 3 families in the dedication of their children to the Lord: Zachary Tyler Kam, born 1 Nov 2016, to parents Herman & Kimberly Kam (9:30 am, 2/F) Arvin Tobias Bote, born 12 Nov 2016, to parents Adriel & Ricki (11:30 am, 10/F) Grace Lui, born 16 Mar 2016 and Brendan Lui, born 30 Jul 2015 to parents Edward and Catherine (11:30 am, 2/F)

## TODAY CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

Share the joy of Christmas by picking up a gift bag to fill with love for orphanage workers and children as well as Filipino and Indonesian ministries! Bags will be available on all floors (1/F, 2/F & 10/F) for collection today. Bags need to be returned by 3 December. For more information, please email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk).

## NOV 17/18 JOURNEY OF PRAYER

We believe in prayer and giving you options for prayer. Our 10/F will be equipped with prayer stations where you can come anytime, alone or with friends, to experience God through prayer. Join us on Friday, 17 November, 7:30 – 9:30 pm and 18 November, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

## NOV 25 FLOURISH: A ONE-DAY MOMS EVENT

Moms, come to our very first event just for you! Hear testimonies and insights from speakers who have found ways to flourish through triumph, loneliness, busyness, trials, and more. Limited tickets available at our Connect Counters. Purchase your ticket (\$150)today! Saturday, 25 November, 9:30 am – 5 pm, 10/F. Doors open at 9 am with coffee and light refreshments.

## NOV 25-26 MEN’S MINISTRY RETREAT: THE GREAT GETAWAY II

Men’s Ministry is holding another retreat this fall! Come join “The Great Getaway II” and enjoy time away from the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong to fellowship with other men. Sign up at Connect Counters and online at [islandecc.hk/greatgetaway](http://islandecc.hk/greatgetaway). Early bird retreat tickets (\$350) include transportation, food, lodging and gear.

## NOV 26 ISLAND YOUTH THANKSGIVING

Island Youth is inviting all of our Island Youth families to join us for our annual Thanksgiving potluck! We’ll provide the turkey and cutlery but are asking each family to provide a side dish large enough to feed at least 10 people. Sunday, 26 November, 1:30 – 4 pm, 11/F. If you would like to join, please email us at [youth@islandecc.hk](mailto:youth@islandecc.hk).

## CLASSES

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to [islandecc.hk/classes](http://islandecc.hk/classes).

## NOV 19 WHAT’S NEXT?

Whether you’re new to Island ECC or you’ve been here for a while and are ready to jump in, we’d like to help you take your next step. This class will allow you to find out more about Island ECC, how to get involved, how God has gifted you, and what opportunities there are to serve. Join us for this 2-week class starting next Sunday, 19 November, 3 – 4:30 pm, 11/F.

## NOV 26 NEW CLASS: BOOK OF ACTS

Come explore the book of Acts with us as we see how the early church went from a small group of Jewish believers to a multicultural movement that spread across the Roman empire. Whether you are new to reading the Bible or familiar with the book of Acts, this 4-week class will help you grow in your faith. 11:30 am – 1 pm, 7/F Classroom.

## DEC 3 NEW CLASS: CHRISTMAS RECOVERED

Christmas has become a favourite universal festival but its origins and significance have been tragically lost over the years. Join Martin Radford in this 3-week detailed recovery of the realities of the birth of Jesus to discover more of the amazing faith, humility and obedience of those chosen to serve Him. 9:30 – 11 am, 10/F Classroom.

## OUTREACH

## TODAY MOROCCO MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION

From our experiences in Morocco this year, we were reminded to focus on what it means to live life with Christ so that every good work bears fruit. Come on the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church to hear the Morocco mission team share their testimonies with locals they spent time with and how God is moving! 3:30 – 5:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

## NOV 19 HOPE OF THE CITY VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Regular home visitation is one of Hope of the City’s focus areas. We believe the needs in our city can only be met through consistent and healthy relationship building. Join us for a volunteer training to learn how to care for the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the deprived on 19 November, 1:15 – 3 pm, 10/F Living Room. To register, email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com).

## DEC 23/24 CHRISTMAS PRISON OUTREACH REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration Deadline: 23 November / Mandatory Training: 3 December

We will be visiting English-speaking inmates over Christmas at Pik Uk Prison (23 December) and Tung Tau Correctional Institution (24 December) to share our faith through worship and testimony from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk) to register before 23 November. There will be a mandatory training on 3 December, 1:30 – 3 pm, 8/F Living Room. Priority will be given to men.

## FEB 16-19 ICM PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP

Information Session: 19 November / Registration Deadline: 3 December

Next CNY, Island ECC will send a team to Dumaguete, Philippines to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the community by helping with a sanitation project, interacting with locals to show love and giving hope to some of the poorest families in the Philippines. Come to the info session next Sunday, 19 November, 1:30 pm, 10/F Classroom to learn more.

## OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in the opportunities below, send your CV and a cover letter to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk). Go to [islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities](http://islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities) for more information.

### COORDINATOR OF OUTREACH

We are seeking to hire someone in our Outreach team to work with our supported mission partners in Hong Kong and overseas, and to coordinate our annual Christmas Love Offering project. The position requires a heart for international missions. Overseas mission experience is beneficial. This is a full-time position but part-time could also be considered.

## 12 NOVEMBER 2017

## So Lame

*David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”*

<sup>2</sup>*Now there was a servant of Saul’s household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?”*

*“At your service,” he replied.*

<sup>3</sup>*The king asked, “Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God’s kindness?”*

*Ziba answered the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet.”*

<sup>4</sup>*“Where is he?” the king asked.*

*Ziba answered, “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.”*

<sup>5</sup>*So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. <sup>6</sup>When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honour.*

*David said, “Mephibosheth!”*

*“At your service,” he replied.*

<sup>7</sup>*“Don’t be afraid,” David said to him, “for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.”*

<sup>8</sup>*Mephibosheth bowed down and said, “What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?”*

<sup>9</sup>*Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul’s steward, and said to him, “I have given your master’s grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. <sup>10</sup>You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master’s grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table.” (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)*

<sup>11</sup>*Then Ziba said to the king, “Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do.” So Mephibosheth ate at David’s table like one of the king’s sons.*

<sup>12</sup>*Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba’s household were servants of Mephibosheth. <sup>13</sup>And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king’s table; he was lame in both feet.*

2 Samuel 9:1-13

Why is grace so hard?

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## NEW TO ISLAND ECC

1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

2 VISIT OUR WEBSITE [f](https://www.facebook.com/islandecc.hk) [t](https://www.instagram.com/islandecc.hk) [v](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3)

3 CONNECT WITH US!

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HOPE October: Cooking competition, Yum Cha with elderly and visit to the homeless

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