

# *Epping SDA Church Newsletter*

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*Welcome to our weekly Church Newsletter. Thank you to everyone that has helped contribute to this edition. If you have any news or photos to share, please send them to:*

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*This newsletter can also be downloaded on our website: <http://www.eppingsda.org.au>*

## *This Sabbath @ Epping*

*This week's service will be taken by **Pastor Michael Dabson** with **Arthur** being the elder in charge. The offering this week is the **Mission Extension Offering***

## *Sabbath Nov 22 @ Epping*

*Epping Church held our quarterly **Communion service** on November 22, taken by **Pastor Michael Dabson**. Belle and Arthur took the opportunity to thank Pastor Michael for his ministry to Epping over the past 6 months, and to express our gratitude to him for willingly and enthusiastically stepping into an unexpected breach. It has been a true blessing for Epping Church and in a show of appreciation Belle presented Pastor Michael with a gift.*

*The gift symbolises Epping Church, and hopefully with nurturing and care, will grow, mature and bear witness to God's love.*



## ***Nominating Committee***

*Thank you to all Epping Church members who have been so enthusiastic in accepting positions for next year. The first reading of the committee's report was presented last Sabbath. If you would like to review the report, click here:*

<http://www.eppingsda.org.au/nomcom1.xls>

## ***Pathfinder News***

***The next Pathfinder meeting will be held this Sabbath December 6 after lunch***

*From Henry:*

*“We will do our final Leather work craft for this year, and those who want to get the honour will have to do more projects. There are a few good projects planned for you, but it will take more time. You will need to bring your \$10 for the honour if you plan to do it.*

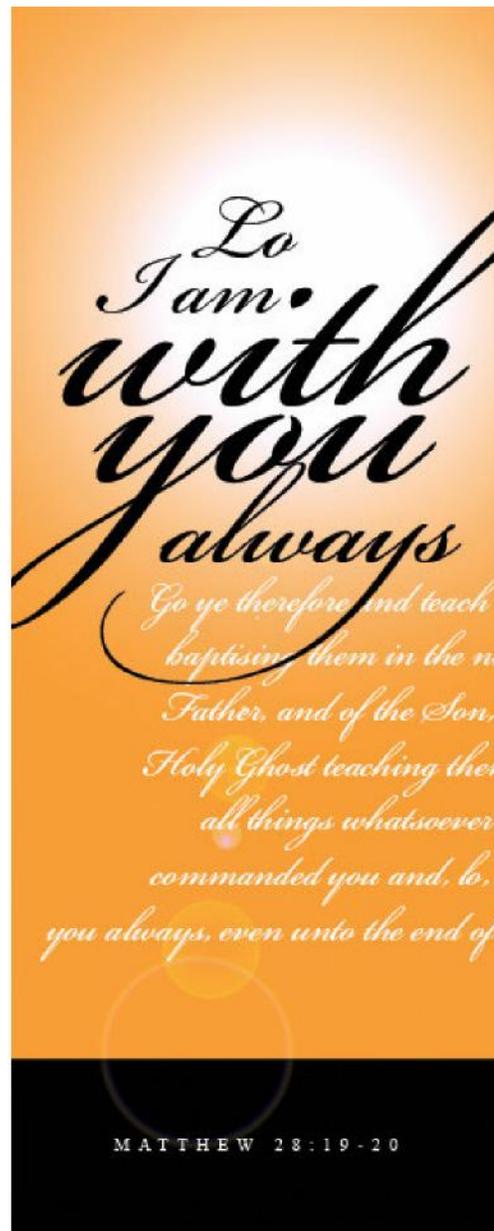
*We will give you the opportunity to do most of the preparation at the meeting and then you can take it home to do the lacing once you get it started.*

*Something we want each of you to make is a leather woggle for your scarf. It will be really unique among all the clubs. This is not a requirement for the honour.”*

## ***Epping Church News: Upcoming Events***

### ***Christmas Service: December 13***

*Please remember this date and encourage your family and friends to attend this special service. A lot of planning has gone into this event and it is something you will not want to miss. To give you just a glimpse, here is one of many images developed for the day, courtesy of Kerri:*



## ***Amazing Race Mark 2***

*A huge vote of thanks to Arthur for his organisation skills and planning that resulted in a great "Race" for all the teams last Sunday November 30. Add to that some dodgy cooking, some cloudy water, and some belligerent nursery workers and the day was both fun and interesting. Well done Arthur, and we can't wait for the next one.*



*From Arthur:*

*The Amazing Race Mk II was run on Sunday and after:*

- *70+km of grueling racing*
- *A swim in a murky pool,*
- *Eating food considered by many as unfit for human consumption (I'm quite hurt by this, Aileen has even offered to give me cooking lessons),*
- *Singing "I'm a little teapot" with accompanying actions in public,*
- *Pestering nursery staff for photos and directions to obscure plants,*
- *Searching for items in the largest Bunnings store in Australia,*
- *Doing impressions of signs,*
- *And riding as fast as possible on a bike made for an 8 year old,*

*We can only have one winning team..... more about that later.*

*Firstly, we need to thank the Lees and Calvin for their hospitality and hard-work. They provided the pool, drinks and towels for the diving challenge... Thanks guys!*

*Thanks also to the Hills businesses that we disrupted during the day... I hope none of you mentioned where you were from to the grumpy man at the nursery, I'm sure I'll get a nasty letter from him!*

*We should also thank the un-suspecting members of the public who were ambushed into singing “I’m a little teapot”, fortunately they remain anonymous.*

*To find out who won, click on this link:*

<http://aandz.com.au/epping/amazingrace2winners.html>





*For more pictures click on this link:*

<http://www.pbase.com/ozarthurwong/amazingrace2>

*For a video of the event, click on this:*

<http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=IUCRqip4so4>

## ***Backyard Blitz – December 14***

*This is an activity that everyone at Epping Church is invited to take part in. It has been organised by Michael Lee, an elder of Hurstville Church as part of their outreach project. He would really appreciate our help. Michael has preached at Epping on a number of occasions over the past couple of years.*

*I'll let Michael tell you more about the project:*

*“I like to extend an invitation to the members of the Epping Church to take an active part in giving a group of Aboriginal children, men and women a wonderful Christmas gift on Sunday, 14th December.*

### ***Background***

*A big hearted and compassionate couple, Terry and Buster started running a Sabbath program for a group of Aboriginal children, men and women approximately a year ago. The program includes a Children's Sabbath school class, Bible study for the Mums and Dads in the morning, followed by a delicious lunch and free time. In the afternoon the folks can watch a sermon on DVD, or listen to music. As you can imagine, this program has been a ray of sunshine to some of the residents in Redfern. There are lots of kids attending. I was told that some of the kids didn't want to go “home” on Saturday evening.*

*The program have been given, by the government, the ground floor of a small building (situated directly opposite Redfern train station) to run their program. Buster and Terry have been working tirelessly and cheerfully for these folks with little support. However, just recently, one of our church members provided the means to build and refurbish a new shower, toilet and a new kitchen. The residents are delighted and are proud of their facility. It just like a little piece of heaven on earth as it radiates warm, peace, love and light to the residents who come to the centre.*

*I am in the process of acquiring for them a new DVD player, a 5.1 channel theatre system and a portable CD player to boost their otherwise basic equipment level. Again one of members has kindly sponsored these acquisition. You may wonder why I am mentioning all this to you.*

*Well, there is one thing we can do for them. In my last visit there, I noticed the kids' classroom, lounge room, kitchen, and outside wall could do with a fresh coat of paint to really brighten things up for these folks, our brothers and sisters. This could be done in just one day if we get enough people to help out. If you are interested to help out please let me know. The details are as follow:*

***Place:*** *Corner of Lawson St / Little Eveleigh St / Eveleigh St, Redfern. You can take a look using Google street view.*

***Date:*** *14<sup>th</sup> December*

***Time:*** *8:00 – 4:00pm. I expect we should complete the painting and cleaning before that.*

***Paint:*** *will be provided*

***Paint brushes and tray:*** *Bring it if you are willing to donate these disposable items.*

***Bring:*** *Small ladder if you have one.*

***Clothes:*** *Wear old clothes and shoes and hat*

***Drink and lunch:*** *will be provided*

***RSVP:*** *Strictly by 1st December as I need to organise before that day. Please let me know the names of the people coming and their diet preference.*

***Donation:*** *If anyone would like to help but are unable to come, you are very welcomed to make a donation”*

*If you are interested in helping Michael, please contact him via:*

*[mlee101@swiftdsl.com.au](mailto:mlee101@swiftdsl.com.au)*

*Or, let me know and I will give you his other contact details.*



Peace, joy and hope  
to you all!

## 'Sew and Tell'

### Christmas Event

7 p.m. Monday December 1 2008  
Gordon Lebanese Cuisine  
Shop 9 Gordon Arcade  
Pacific Highway  
Gordon

Please bring a wrapped gift (about \$10)

RSVP Sue (9871 7304)  
or Carlene (9498 8207)  
by November 26

*From Carlene:*

*Twenty ladies gathered at the Gordon Lebanese Cuisine restaurant to celebrate the passing of another year and the joys of friendship and the Christmas season.*

*Apart from our current members Helen, Margaret, Sue, Nerelle, Colleen, Rochelle, Sharon and Carlene, almost all of them have had close connection with Epping Church over many years: **Bev** attended Epping with her family in her youth; **Raewyn** was deeply involved in the fundraising for the hall in the 1970s; **Faith** (Sharon's sister) attended Epping before she moved north in retirement; **Noreen** raised her family at Epping; **Glenda** married into Noreen's family and was a valued member for a number of years; **Coralea and Lyn**, also past members, come often to Sew and Tell; **Valda** has special connections with Sue and Epping; **Ria** is a past member of Epping and hosted Sew and Tell every month for its first two years; **Wilma** is another past member and also a cousin of Coralea's; **Juliet** is a friend of Margaret's and did the flowers at her recent birthday/fundraising event for the Orphanage; and **Robina** is a close friend of Carlene's.*



*Few of us had enjoyed a Lebanese banquet before but all relaxed and 'dipped' into the bountiful variety of dishes. The noise levels dropped only when some fresh and intriguing item was brought to the tables. Even the most conservative tried the new flavours though we did do a lot of checking of the menu to see what was in each dish.*

*Ria (and husband Gary) and Wilma had been travelling in South Africa with Ross and June Forbes and had some very revealing photos of the trip to share with us.*

*There was the usual exchange of gifts in a Kris Kringle - it is always fascinating to see how many different ideas we come up with for a \$10 gift! There were no duplicates and lots of ingenuity.*

*The ladies participated enthusiastically in a 'Lucky Dip' to raise funds for the orphanage project - Margaret put in the last few dollars to bring the total to a round \$100.*

*I would like to finish my report by saying how much strength and courage and support there is in the group. Together now for more years than I want to think about, the **Sew and Tell** ladies do more than craft and socialise. We share our burdens and comfort each other, discuss life's trials and look for solutions, and reach out to each other in prayer and Christian love. But we also have a lot of fun and happy times, and derive great pleasure from seeing the beautiful things others can create.*

*So whether you are clever with handicrafts or not, ladies, we would be delighted to have some new faces each month even if you can only come once in a while.*

*Our next meeting will be the first Monday night of February 2009.*



## *Epping Project – Philippines Orphanage*



# Epping Mission Project



<b>Fundraising Goal</b>	<b>\$50,000 (\$26,792.80 raised so far)</b>
<b>Mission Project</b>	Completion of the ICC Happy Valley Elementary School, ICC Orphanage, Dinalupihan, Floridablanca, Philippines.
<b>Target Date</b>	<b>January 2010</b>
<b>How do you make a donation?</b>	When you send in your donation, please specify "Epping Mission Project".
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Credit Card</b></li> </ul>	Credit Card Form provided and fax to ICC Office. Fax: (03) 8660 2967
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cheque</b></li> <li>• <b>Postal Address</b></li> </ul>	International Children's Care Shop 7 Riviera Plaza BAIRNSDALE VIC 3875
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Direct deposit</b></li> </ul>	Commonwealth Bank BSB 063 532 Account No 1033 5881 International Children's Care
<b>How much should I give?</b>	How big is your heart? Donations over \$2 is tax deductible
<b>For more details contact</b>	<a href="mailto:belletung@gmail.com">belletung@gmail.com</a>
	Mobile: 0413 453055 Home: (02) 9671-2755



# Credit Card Donation Form

## Epping Mission Project

**Note:** This donation is to support the ICC Happy Valley Elementary School building project, ICC Orphanage, Philippines.

Fax this form to	Fax No <b>(03) 8660 2967</b>		
Postal Address	International Children's Care Shop 7 Riviera Plaza BAIRNSDALE VIC 38757A		
<b>Credit Card Details</b>			
Card Type	<input type="radio"/> Mastercard	<input type="radio"/> Visa	<input type="radio"/> Bankcard
Name on Card			Expiry Date
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Signature			Date
Telephone No		Mobile	
Address you would like the receipt sent to	Street		
	Suburb		
	State		Post Code

## ***Prayer Requests:***

<b><i>Allan Ing</i></b>	<i>Please continue to pray for Allan, Adelyn and their young family. Allan has been discharged from ICU but remains unwell. They wish to thank everyone for all their prayers and well wishes.</i>
<b><i>Sue Wood</i></b>	<i>It's great to hear that Sue is progressing well and I ask that you remember Sue, Ken and their family in your prayers.</i>
<b><i>Helen Hall</i></b>	<i>Helen does important work with refugees in Thailand. Helen is experiencing some difficulties in Thailand and would appreciate our prayers.</i>
<b><i>Bob McIntyre</i></b>	<i>Please continue to pray for Bob and his family</i>
<b><i>All members and friends travelling during the Holiday season</i></b>	<i>We ask that you remember all those travelling in your prayers.</i>

## ***Dates to put down in your diary***

<b><i>December 6</i></b>	<i>Pathfinder meeting</i>
<b><i>December 14</i></b>	<i>Backyard Blitz, Redfern</i>
<b><i>December 16</i></b>	<i>Christmas Service</i>

**THANK YOU !!!**

## ***Thought for the Week:***

*Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart.*

*Jeremiah 15:16*