Epping Church Newsletter

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Introduction:

Welcome to our weekly Church Newsletter. Thanks again to Stephanie for her wonderful contribution. If you have any news or photos to share, please send them to:

ajing@eppingsda.org.au.

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

This sabbath at Epping

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*This week's service will be taken by **Pastor Chris Manthey**, with **Arthur** being the Elder in charge. The offering is for **Adventist Youth**.*

Last sabbath at Epping

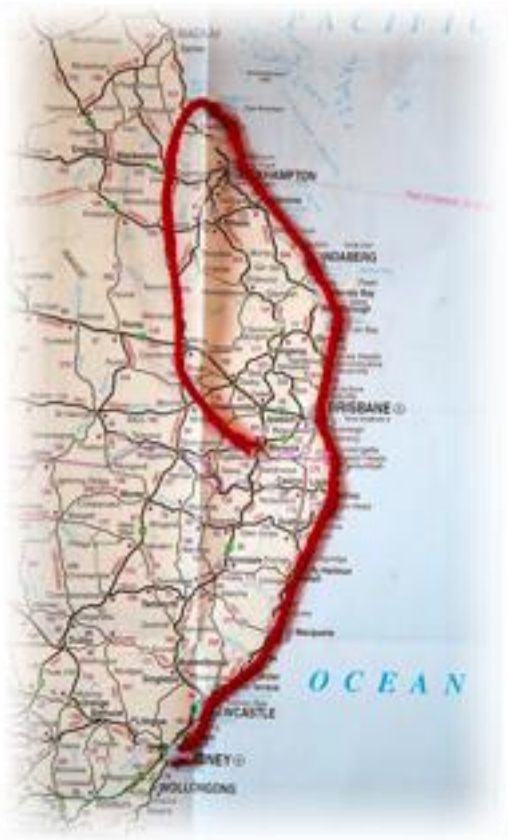
*Our service last week was taken by **Pastor Michael Worker.** Pastor Michael's sermon was entitled "Above and Beyond" and was based on the story of **Rebekah** in Genesis 24. You can read this online here:*

http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?book_id=1&chapter=24

His message centred on how Rebekah went above and beyond both her "duty" and her "moral obligations" and the outcome of this. This certainly provides an example on how we should live our own lives.

Dan took the Scripture Reading Genesis 24: 1-9

Henry took the prayer and also outlined how far Epping Church had collectively "travelled" in the past week in our fundraising efforts for the Philippines' Orphanage project. We had collectively walked, run, cycled and exercised from Sydney to Shoalwater Bay, north of Rockhampton.



Pathfinder and Adventurer News

Pathfinder Triathlon

From Henry:

Thanks to every one of you who came and performed so well at the Triathlon. You were all really great and no mishaps or accidents. Special thanks to Michael and Jon for organising the event and making it all come together. It worked so well, we won't even have to think twice about doing it again. Just pick the day...

Thanks to the parents who came and gave full support with their pathfinders. You made the whole day worthwhile. Hope you all had a great time.

Now comes the tricky part, collecting all the sponsorships. Try to make sure that all your sponsors who need or want a receipt put their address on the sheet and ICC will send them a tax deductible receipt.

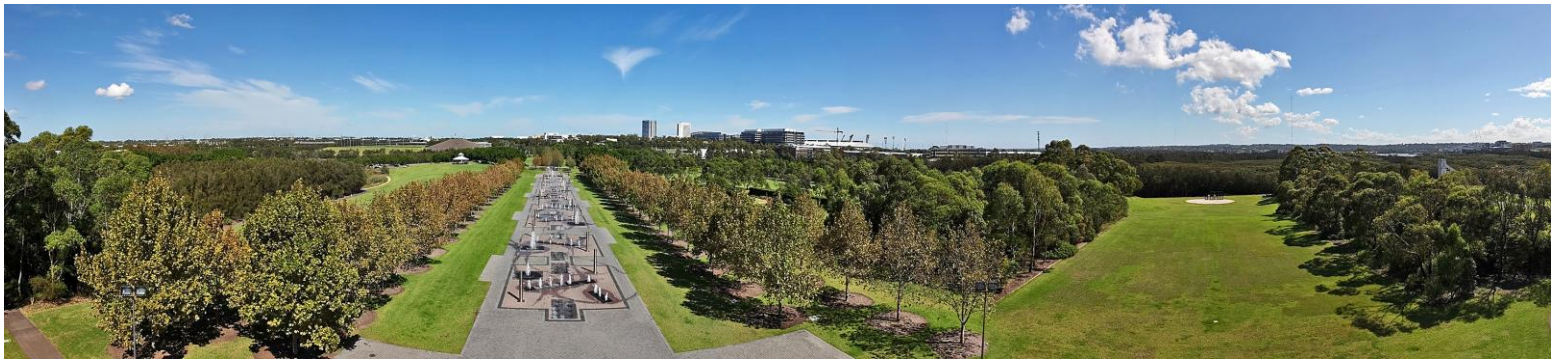
If you are able to turn in all the forms and money by next week that would be excellent. Certainly by 4 April we want to tie up all the sponsorships.

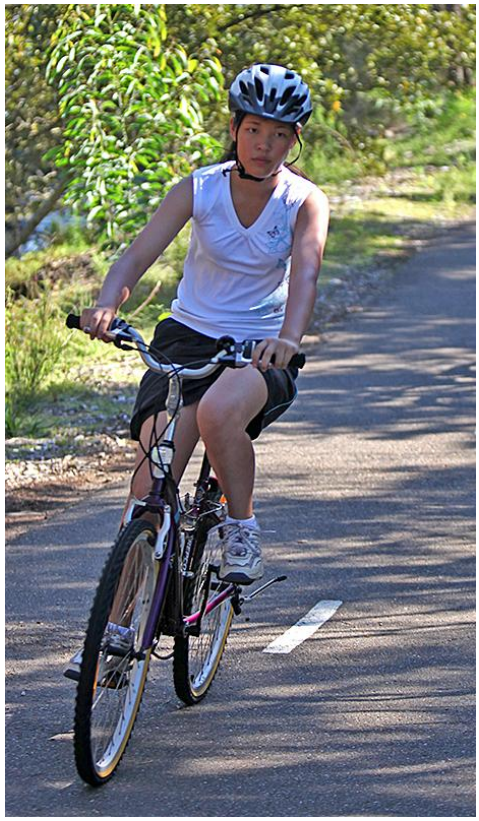
The Epping Mission Project form is linked below. If your sponsor would prefer doing it on line or by fax, give them the form and just ask them to let you know when they have sent it in. We will then total up all the sponsorships and indicate this progressively as we receive the money. ***Thank you every one for just a really great day***

http://www.eppingsda.org.au/eppingmissionproject.pdf

More pictures of the day here:

http://s42.photobucket.com/albums/e315/ajing/Triathlon 2009/





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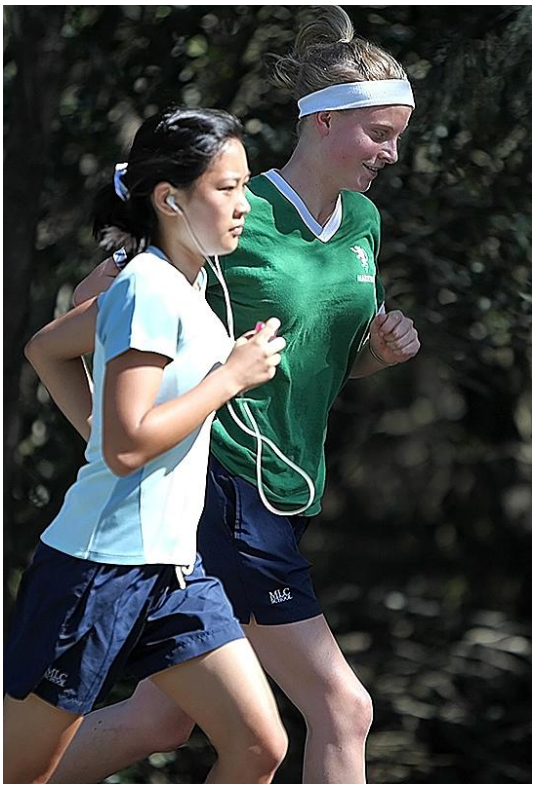

Inspire 09- Created for Community

April 30-May 3, 2009 at Merroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong.

Thanks to Michael for the following information on Inspire09:

Inspire09 brings you ideas, insights, worship and presentations focused on building community. This year we have in excess of forty workshops with thirty presenters from around Australia and New Zealand. The development of meaningful relationships, where every member carries a significant sense of belonging, is central to what it means to be the Church. This intensive training weekend is designed to inspire our local church members to reach their communities in a meaningful and successful way for Jesus Christ.

Music will be provided by the Epping Band.

Application forms can be downloaded from

www. inspire09.gscadventist.org.au

This website also details a full list of workshops and presenters, and well as a brief bio and a summary of their subject. For more information, see the event organizer, ***Pr Michael Worker.***

The keynote speaker, ***Anton Van Wyk****, from New Zealand has the following to say about Community:*

"It is doubtful that we can know ourselves apart from community. It is an important part of the Creator's design of life. Nothing is to exist in isolation. Each part of the cosmos has meaning - shaped by its context and relationships. Social researcher Margaret Wheatley reminds us that the instinct of community is everywhere in life. Community is life and living. It is His Story. Christianity that does not start with the individual does not start. Christianity that stops with the individual, stops.

During Inspire09 we will endeavour to tell the STORY of coming together as a group of individuals and:

- *Learning to communicate honestly with each other*
- *Letting relationships go deeper than the masks of composure*
- *Developing significant commitment to rejoicing together, mourning together, delighting in each other and making others' conditions my own.*
- *Focusing on what goes on in the heart of the wider community for the common good and happiness of all"*

Sew and Tell

The next Sew and Tell meeting will be at Sue's home on Monday April 6th at 7:30pm

Youth Meeting – Saturday Evening 28th March 7 pm

The next Youth Group get together will be held this Saturday evening and is a "Laser Tag" event. The venue is:

Code Red
Unit 3, 175 James Ruse Drive
*(Cnr of Grand Ave **North**),*
Rosehill, 2142.

The group will be meeting at the venue for an evening meal at 7pm, with the Laser Tag commencing at 8:20pm. For further details please contact Michael Ing: michael.ing@gmail.com

Emerging band Workshop 2009

This Sabbath afternoon 28 March, is the first Emerging Band Workshop for 2009. This year we will be offering 2 main streams. The Creative Expression stream will be headed by Maree and will work towards performances similar to the Christmas program.

The existing Band stream will continue from last year and incorporate instruments and vocal harmony. This stream will also work towards a number of song service performances this year. Looking forward to seeing you in the main church after lunch.

Philippine's Project Update

Thanks to Belle for the following update:

*Thanks to everyone for continuing to support our Philippine's Orphanage Project. To date we have raised **$30,132.80**, well done!*

*However our goal is **$50,000** and I encourage everyone at Epping to see the project through to completion.*

The Plans for the Orphanage are in previous editions of this newsletter, and I believe that work is about to start. I'm sure it will be exciting to visit next January to see this come to fruition.

***Donations** can now be made **online** on the ICC secured website which automatically issues receipts.*

https://iccaustralia.worldsecuresystems.com/support/support.html

*If email address is provided, it will send a pdf copy of the receipt. Please note that online donation only accepts credit cards. On the donation form, **Area to Support** field, please type "**Epping Project**" so that ICC will know that the donation is specifically for the Philippine Orphanage School Building Project.*

Thank you once again for your continuing support

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 **(03) 8660 2967**			
Postal Address	International Children's Care Shop 7 Riviera Plaza BAIRNSDALE VIC 38757A			
Credit Card Details				
Card Type	☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Bankcard			
Name on Card			Expiry Date	
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Address you would like the receipt sent to	Street			
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THANK YOU !!!

Health Assessment

The Health Assessment at Eastwood Plaza is confirmed for Sunday, May 17.
We will have access to the Eastwood Plaza Kiosk for the day and will be running stations for Enrolment of participants, measurement of Height, Weight, Blood Pressure and Lung Function, Computer Analysis of the data, Assessment by health professionals, and the promotion of the up-coming 'Improving Your Health' Seminar Series. We will also be catering for any Spiritual interest by offering the Search Video Series, other literature, and a Holistic Life Series which Epping Church will be running in August.

The 'Improving Your Health' Seminars will be held on the following Sabbath afternoons:

23 May 2009	*Heart Health - Dr Alvin Ing*
30 May 2009	*Lung Health - Dr Alvin Ing*
13 Jun 2009	*Joint Health - Dr Rod Kuo*
20 Jun 2009	*Vitamins and Nutrition - Dr Rod Kuo / Darlene Pennell*
27 Jun 2009	*Stress Management - Marie Worker*

If you are able to help out with any or all of these activities, please see any of one our Personal Ministries team - Victor Ing, Pr Chris Manthey, Pr Michael Worker, Rod Kuo, Matthew Ing or Josh Woods.
Please keep these dates free to support Epping Church's Outreach Program, and to use our gifts and talents in reaching out to the local community.

More details to follow

Photo of the Week

Thanks to Andy Ly for this week's photo

Dates to keep in your diary

March 28 7 pm	*Laser Tag event – See Michael Ing*
March 28	*Emerging Band Practice*
April 6 Mon 7:30pm	*Sew and Tell Sue Wood's home*
April 30 – May 3	*Inspire09*
May 17	*Proposed Health Assessment - Eastwood Mall*
November 21	*Baptism 2009. Please see Pastor Manthey if you are interested*

Prayer Requests:

Persons affected by the Victorian Bushfires and the Queensland Floods	***Please remember the many people affected by these natural disasters in your prayers. Donations to help can be made through ADRA http://www.adra.org.au***
Bob McIntyre	***Please remember Bob, Nerelle and Colleen in your prayers.***
Allan Ing	***Please continue to pray for Allan, Adelyn and their young family.***
Sue Wood	***It's great to hear that Sue is progressing well and I ask that you remember Sue, Ken and their family in your prayers.***
Ivan Baxter	*Ivan continues to have therapy for a haematological disorder. Please remember him in your prayers.*
David Blaymires	***Please prayer for David***

Thought of the week

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23