

EPPING CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Epping church's Newsletter!

Hope everyone's week has been great, and you are ready for an even better Sabbath!

Here we'll delve into the current happenings of Epping church, summary on last week's sabbath and also updates on the many upcoming events!

If you have anything to share with the church, please don't hesitate to contact us on the below emails.

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ARE YOU READY FOR CHURCH CAMP?!
**Lots happening with this
choc -a- block Newsletter.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4-6 2016	Annual Epping Church Retreat - PEN IT IN ! Register here ! http://eppingsda.org.au/content/church-camp-registration.html
Feb/March 2016	Photography Course, for more details please contact Alvin or Rod
March 20	Church Working Bee 2-4pm

Prayer Requests

- Please remember Maree's Mum in your prayer
- Please remember Fedz's father who is ill in the Phillipines
- Please pray for Michael and Luisa's cousin John who is ill needs spiritual support
- Please pray for Lorraine as she recovers from her hip surgery
- Please pray for Ron's safety as he carries out his UN duties

This Sabbath at EPPING

Elder: Greg

Speaker: Pastor Nigel Ackland

Last Sabbath at EPPING

We had Pastor Nigel speak to us about the Paralysed man and his 4 unnamed friends. The amount of effort they went to get their friend healed by Jesus. In life there will always be obstacles, but we just have to persevere to be able to enjoy the riches that God has for us.



SUES DAY !

Khhnomm Chmuah...

HELLO !,

My name is...

The Youth are back!, not empty handed either.

They have been enriched with the power of God whilst on this mission trip.

Here we have asked them to touch on the experience of a lifetime. ENJOY

March 12th the youth will be taking church service and filling us in with more details on their trip! don't miss out!



Initially, I was not excited about this trip at all. I thought it would have taken a lot of my time as I wanted to work on other personal projects. But as soon as I saw the villagers especially the children smile and laugh at the things we take for granted, (like being able to colour and draw on a piece of paper) I was very thankful that I went on this mission trip. My eyes have been opened to the fact that God has truly blessed me and that I should be sharing these blessings to those in need. I will definitely be helping out more to the less fortunate in the future. I am very grateful to have been given this opportunity.

- Ayen

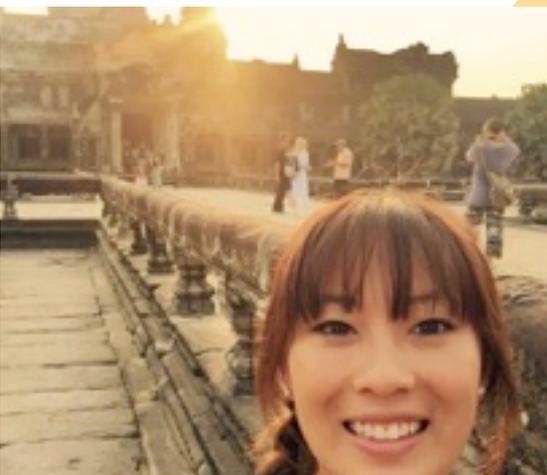


This trip was such an eye opening experience. Seeing how excited the kids were when we gave them toothbrushes and bottled water really makes you take a step back and realise how much we get caught up in our busy lives and complain about trivial things.

This trip has really made me appreciate the things that I take for granted every day.

The people we met in the villages were all so kind and welcoming. I want to continue to make an impact in other people's lives who also may need some help.

- Shannon



Who knew how much of a difference children and their families could make on my life. I've gone on a few mission trips before and I thought they would all be the same but the truth is they can't be. Every one is different. This trip made me so blessed. Seeing people work hard together to make facilities for the villages and use their skills for education made it so rewarding. It was a highlight to be able to see people bond with just a smile. It's an experience I will never forget and can't wait to go back and visit.

- Steph



It was a shame that I couldn't stay longer. Even though I was only there for a short while, I loved the whole experience. It was great to see the participation of not only Epping youth but the villagers too. The thing that surprised me the most, was that the kids were having more fun crawling under tyres than I have when I'm playing on my phone! Sometimes the kids were cheeky but that just made the trip all the more fun! I'd definitely go back again.

- Matt



I was extremely excited to go on this trip and was so devastated when I had to leave early! I really enjoyed teaching the adults how to be the next Cambodian Masterchef but the kids were definitely the highlight! They were absolutely adorable and really got involved in what we were teaching them. The overall experience is one I will never forget and I would love to go back! #okeh

- Stephen



Going on this trip made me realise a lot of things. The simple act of an older boy giving up his turn on the swings for a younger boy without hesitation made me realise that without all the distractions of technology, society trends, and the constant balance of career and life, love, care and sacrifice trumps all priorities.

- Mande Lee



It's hard to put words to this experience - because none do justice to the journey that I went on - emotionally, physically and spiritually. But if I had to describe it, I would use the words: humbling and eye-opening. Eye-opening because it shows how much blessings we have, living in Australia. Humbling because everyone (the children especially) was showing genuine happiness while owning next to nothing. This world has an urgent, gargantuan demand: everyone deserves to have access to clean water, enough food, knowledge about sanitation, nutrition and hygiene. I was extremely honoured to even just play a minuscule part in helping meet the needs of others.

- Cyrus



By witnessing firsthand the great work ADRA does for individuals whom often are living below the poverty threshold was inspiring and it has challenged me both physically (by helping build shelters for the villagers) and emotionally (allowing me to connect and appreciate the many gifts I have been given by God). We all have the ability to help those around us who are in need, we only need to take the time and effort to do so, both of which are precious 'commodities' in our busy world.

- Josh Ly



It's always astounding what you can accomplish when you place God's will at the forefront of your life. Fantastic experience with lifelong friends

- Matt



What an experience to put things in to perspective. I will always remember colouring in "wash your hands" pictures with children from the fourth village. The kids were so happy, playful, and even cheeky at times. Witnessing their happiness and joy for something so simple was such an inspiration. I have been reminded that we need to thank God for even the most basic things in life and look to others to give what God has given us.

- Michael



If I could summarise our mission trip into one word it would have to be relationships. Cambodia was an enriching opportunity which allowed us to volunteer our time and skills, spend time in God's creation, emerge ourselves in a different culture and educate others. ADRA staff who treated us like family, the villagers who welcomed us with open arms and the children that smiled at us endlessly, all together enriched this experience. It became obvious of the privileges we take for granted on a daily basis. Regardless of their living conditions, financial status or health problems, each and every person we came across had a huge heart and lots of love to give. Happiness truly is contagious.

- Ellie



What a great experience it was to serve the people of Cambodia, to serve God and represent our local church! I was so proud of our team, they put in a great effort and did an awesome job. A real highlight for me was to see our group of young adults step up and do what we went to do so well. A special mention goes to Cyrus who stepped in and lead the team in my absence across the Christmas break, his willingness to step in and do what needed to be done meant our trip was a huge success. What a great privilege to serve others and our God in a really tangible way, my hope and prayer is that Epping Youth continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus on their home soil and that this trip ignites a passion for service that continues throughout their lives

- Adrian



Going over to Cambodia was such an amazing experience. It was mind blowing to see how the people there could live such happy lives in spite of the fact that they don't have the same 'essential' items that we do. Air conditioning, computers, phones or even simpler things such as hot and cold fresh water from a tap or clean clothes and shoes without holes were foreign ideas to them. It made me realise we need to enjoy these little things in life. It was fun and rewarding being able to help the people by building our projects and it was impressive to see how enthusiastic the villagers were in helping us and their local community to build our projects for them. It will be an adventure i will never forget.

- Leighton



Seeing villages in Cambodia with a lack of clean water and malnourished children was a shock, especially when compared to the amount of water and food we waste in Australia. I'm glad we were able to assist in helping some villages address these issues.

But the best thing about the trip was seeing the amazing smiles that the villagers and children gave to us for just doing small projects and spending some time with them.

- Jon

AW KOUN !

Thankyou !

Be sure to see the Youth take service on the **12th of March** for more detailed accounts from their mission trip !

PATHDINFERS MAKE A SPLASH

The Pathfinders spent great weekend away at Newness Plateau camping overnight and walking 3 canyons lead by uncle Jim Crockett. Arriving Sabbath lunch at the camp ground and setting up our tents, it rained just enough to remind us we were on a Pathfinder Camp. Those who joined us for last years Expedition would understand what I mean. Sabbath afternoon we walked out to a lovely small water filled canyon not far from the camp site. What a way to spend Sabbath afternoon. The sunlight streaking through the canyon walls reminded me of God's wondrous natural creations. A fire was lit by uncle Arthur using a flint and steel to the amazement of the Pathfinders. Toasting marshmallows around the camp fire is always a highlight pf any camp. We woke early around 6am for a planned 8am start to the days adventures. Wow what a day! 4m drops into rock pools, rock water slides, swimming across water filled canyons and clambering up rock faces using only rope was the recipe for the day. By days end everyone was exhausted, especially after the steep 20% 500m climb out to the cars. Thanks to uncle Jim who organised and lead the weekend showing us a little bit about canyoning and sharing his vast experience. Can't wait for the next one!

- Ben





2016 CALENDERS OUT NOW!

From Light and Motion Photography's Andy Ly and Alvin Ing, comes the current year's calendar, February 2016 to January 2017. Their legendary Landscape and Nature photography will not only leave you breathless, but wanting to witness the location yourself. Enjoy their inspiration in your own lounge room but travel the world through their eyes.

This A3 sized calendar, will be posted/delivered to you in pristine condition for a minimum \$30 donation via this website:

<https://www.givematcher.com.au/fundraisers/epping-s-mission-in-action>

Please send a copy of your receipt and postal address to:

ajing@lightandmotionphotography.com - International orders will incur extra postal charges.



HOW TO DONATE

3rd March 2016

Donate by credit card online at: <https://www.givematcher.com.au/fundraisers/epping-s-mission-in-action>

LIGHT AND MOTION PHOTOGRAPHY



Photography Course

Light and Motion Photography's Alvin Ing and Andy Ly will be hosting a 4-week Photography Course in February and March 2016. This is designed ideally for photographers who have at least a knowledge of the basics of photography, including shooting in manual mode on a DSLR. However, everyone is welcome. The course will focus on landscape and travel photography, with an emphasis on composition, lighting, and advanced image capture and post processing techniques. Time Lapse Photography will also be covered.

Cost Minimum \$200 donation. All proceeds will be donated to the Epping Mission Project, which supports International Children's Care. For more details: eppingsda.org.au

Sessions Monday evenings 7pm – 9pm.

Dates: February 29th, March 7th, 14th and 21st.

3 Field Trips: March 6th (Sunday), March 13th (Sunday) and March 20th (Sunday)

Venue 2 George Street, Epping NSW 2121.

Details and contact ajing@lightandmotionphotography.com or lightandmotionphotography.com



Redfern is currently looking for volunteers to help out in the following areas.

Monday Night – Food sorting and cooking

Every Monday afternoon we receive a delivery of food from local stores and restaurants. The food delivered can range from fruit and vegies to drinks, canned food, frozen goods, and precooked food used by restaurants. Our job is to sort the fruit and vegies along with other less perishable items into supermarket bags to give to community members as they come through. The perishable food such as the precooked foods from restaurants, and sweets are either reheated, combined or placed on platters to feed the community. In one evening we can serve in excess of 100 people.

Volunteers are desperately needed either on a regular weekly basis or on a rostered monthly system to help sort and cook the food that is delivered each week and then to help clean up afterwards. The hours required are 4pm to 7pm every Monday.

If you are able to help, even if it is once or twice a month and are willing to go on a roster please contact Pr Horace: 0438163762; or our Operations Manager: Stuart Matheson: 0414276497

Children's Ministry Co-ordinator

The Way church in Redfern has a long history of serving the children and families in the Redfern area. Our children's ministries however is in need of some new energy and focus. We are currently looking for someone who is passionate about kids and would like to make this their sole ministry for 2016. The role would include the planning and programing of the children's Sabbath school each week as well as the sourcing and co-ordinating of volunteers from different churches on a roster system each month to assist in implementing the program. This is an opportunity to develop and implement a program that will not only help grow the church at Redfern but connect and positively impact children and their families in the Redfern community. A current Working With Children Check number will need to be provided along with the contact details of your church Pastor and 2 referees.

Expressions of interest can be made to Pastor Horace Evans at horaceevans@adventist.org.au. For further queries please call 0438163762

Adventurers (4yrs – 9yrs)

Expressions of interest are being called for by those who feel called and have a passion for children's ministry to help lead one of five Adventurer groups on the first Sabbath of every month. This is an opportunity to connect and make a real difference in the lives of young kids and mothers who have a hard life and who need positive nurturing role models. There is no doubt that by being involved you will also be blessed in ways that you will not expect. A current Working With Children Check number is needed in order to be a part of this program. You will also be required to go through a 1 day induction program. All expressions of interest can be sent to The Way Adventurer's leader Sandra Evans at mymijymin@gmail.com, along with the contact details of your church pastor and 2 referees.

If you have any questions Sandra can be contacted on 0435610434.

Dream Track

Dream Track is a new initiative by ATSIM in co-operation with ADRA Australia. Dream Track is based on the Pathfinder model but developed specifically for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community (ATSIM). We are currently looking for expressions of interest from individuals with a passion for youth ministry and with a strong interest in outdoor activities. The program will require a commitment of 1 weekend a month. Many of the youth that we will be working with will be at risk kids. The individual will need to be able to connect well with youth in a cross-cultural setting and be able to model the joy a Christian lifestyle offers. This is an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a very practical and rewarding way. A current Working With Children Check number will need to be supplied along with the contact details of your church Pastor and 2 referees. Adventist Youth with a passion for ministry are encouraged to apply but it is also open to the young at heart. Expressions of interest can be sent to

Pastor Horace Evans at horaceevans@adventist.org.au or for further queries call 0438163762.

Bible Study Cell Groups

Please see Rod if you would like to join one of our groups. We have Wednesday evening and Friday evening currently running.

Church Hall Renovations

So Far we have raised **\$9556** out of our goal of \$10 000. As you know it is to fund the first phase of our church renovations which includes rendering and painting the church hall and modernising the kitchen.

We are almost there !

Currently \$9556

Goal : \$10 000



EPHING MISSION PROJECT 2015 - 2017

Our goal is \$20,000 and we have already raised **\$7000!!**

We aim to do a Mission trip January 2017

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EPHING CHURCH MISSION PROJECT 2015 - 2017



Our Goal

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to support International Children's Care (ICC) in Cambodia.

About ICC Cambodia

The following projects we hope to support are:

- Light of Hope Children's Village – Kampong Thom Province where currently the ICC school at Light of Hope services 650 students (95 of whom are in the orphanage and the remainder are from the outlying villages). This project is to enhance Khmer & English books in the ICC school library.
- Much needed building maintenance of the Light of Hope homes and school.
- A Medical Clinic Program in the province of Kompong Thom.
- Development of microfinance projects in Phnom Penh which will help women develop their own business enterprises to support their families.



For more information see <https://www.iccaustralia.org.au/where-we-work/country/cambodia>

How can you help?

If you would like to help support this community development initiative through the Epping Project, please click on the following link below and complete the payment form.

1. Donate by credit card online at: <https://www.givematcher.com.au/fundraisers/epping-s-mission-in-action>
2. Cash donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Please see Henry Tung
3. Cheques – please make cheque payable to "Epping Church Mission Project"

Thank you for your generosity.

How to Make a Donation

- 1 **Online:** <https://www.givematcher.com.au/fundraisers/epping-s-mission-in-action>
- 2 **Credit Card** - please use the Credit Card Donation Form below

Fax: (02) 9987-1136

Mailing Address:

International Children's Care Australia
 PO Box 2087
 Hornsby Westfield, NSW, 1635.

or

Suite 7, 141 Pacific Highway,
 HORNSBY, NSW, 2077.



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	State	Post Code	
Email address			

- 3 **Cash** - Cash donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Please see Henry Tung. Along with your payment, please provide full name, address, email and phone number and you will receive an immediate acknowledgement of your donation by email and a tax deductible receipt within 5-6 working days.
- 4 **Cheque** – please make payable to “Epping Church Mission Project”.

Thank you for your generosity!

ADVENTIST EMPLOYMENT

[Marketing / Communications Officer](#) | Gold Coast Christian College, Reedy Creek, QLD | Exp 25 Feb

[Management Accountant](#) | Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing New Zealand, Auckland, NZ | Exp 26 Feb

[Physiotherapist Aide](#) | Adventist Aged Care Wahroonga, Wahroonga | Exp 26 Feb

[Administrative Assistant](#) | Greater Sydney Conference, Epping, NSW | Exp 26 Feb

[Secretary](#) | Avondale College of Higher Education, Sydney Campus (Wahroonga) | Exp 26 Feb

[Human Resources Manager \(People Services\)](#) | South Pacific Division, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 28 Feb

[Case Manager](#) | Safe Place Service AUC, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 29 Feb

[French Interpreter and Jacaranda Lodge Assistant](#) | Adventist HealthCare Limited, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 01 Mar

[Radiographer Level 2](#) | Adventist HealthCare Limited, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 01 Mar

[Machine Operator/Store Person](#) | Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing, Berkeley Vale | Exp 03 Mar

[Site Hygiene Team Leader](#) | Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing, Berkeley Vale | Exp 03 Mar

[Exercise Physiologist / Physiotherapist / Occupational Therapist](#) | Vitality Works, Brisbane | Exp 03 Mar

[IT Systems Administrator](#) | South Pacific Division, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 07 Mar

[Clinical Nurse Educator Surgical Centre](#) | Adventist HealthCare Limited, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 08 Mar

[Registered Nurse – Scrub /Scout](#) | Adventist HealthCare Limited, Hornsby, NSW | Exp 08 Mar

[Payroll Officer/Clerk](#) | Australian Union Conference - Accounting Services, 289 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood, VICTORIA, 3134 | Exp 11 Mar

[Child Care Worker](#) | Hills Adventist College, Castle Hill | Exp 15 Mar

[Administration Clerk](#) | Adventist HealthCare Limited, Hornsby, NSW | Exp 15 Mar

[Radiology Secretary](#) | Adventist HealthCare Limited, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 15 Mar

[Nutrition Assistant](#) | Adventist HealthCare Limited, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 15 Mar

[Receptionist/Coordinator](#) | Adventist HealthCare Limited, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 19 Mar

[Nurse Unit Manager \(Level 1\)](#) | Adventist HealthCare Limited, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 22 Mar

[Chief Medical Officer - Atoifi Adventist Hospital](#) | Seventh-day Adventist Church (Pacific) Ltd, Malaita, Solomon Islands | Exp 29 Mar

[Assistant Manager, Crosslands Youth & Convention Centre](#) | Greater Sydney Conference, Galston, NSW | Exp 11 Apr

[Administrative Assistant](#) | Adventist HealthCare Limited, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 22 Dec

[Personnel Care Assistant](#) | Adventist Aged Care, Wahroonga | Exp 29 Feb

>Administrative Assistant | Adventist HealthCare Limited, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 22 Dec



Photo: Stephanie Yee

Location: Floating Villages, Tonle Sap Lake