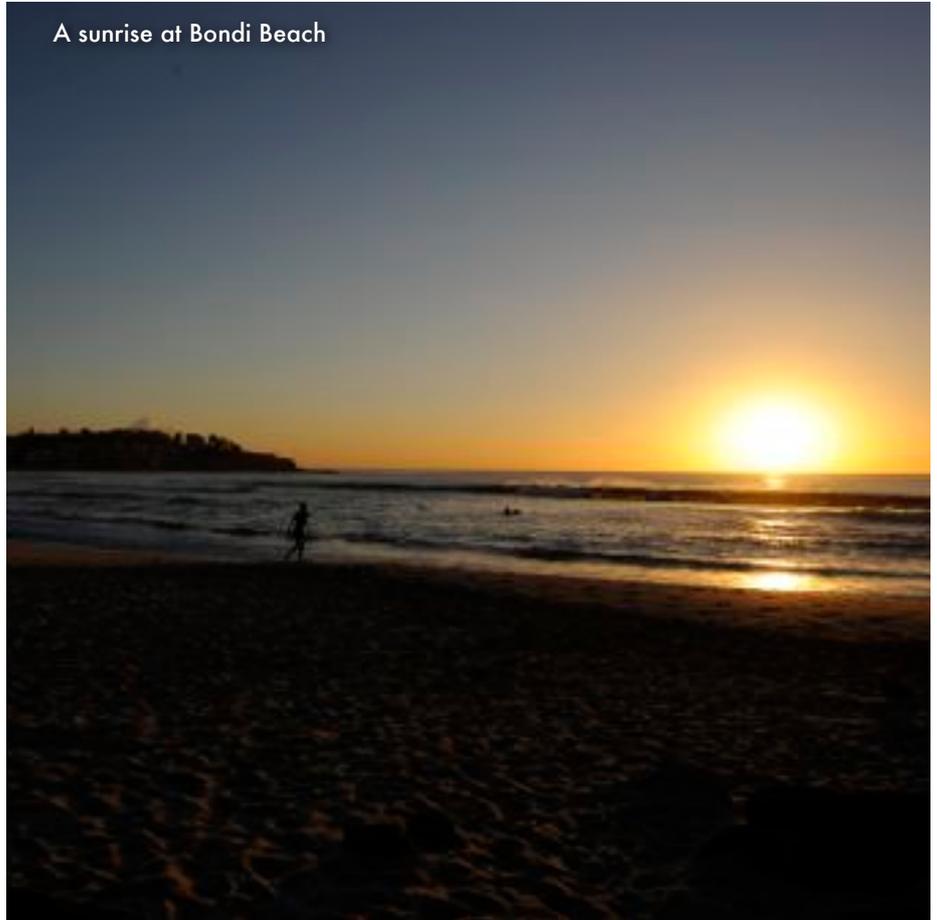


# Epping Church Newsletter

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A sunrise at Bondi Beach



## WELCOME

Welcome to Epping Church's Newsletter!

There is lots of things to look forward to this year including Light and Motion's Photography course, Epping Church camp, Inspire and many more programs.

If there is any information or images you would like to share in future editions, please email it to Alvin or Stephanie at the addresses below:

[ajing@eppingsda.org.au](mailto:ajing@eppingsda.org.au).  
[stephcye@yahoo.com](mailto:stephcye@yahoo.com)

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

This Sabbath at Epping

# 15th February

**The speaker this week:** Pastor Daniel Przybylko

**Elder in charge:** Vanessa Yee

**Offering:** Local

Last Sabbath at Epping

Thanks Rod & Elaine for the photos

# 8th February

Last week the service was taken by Malcom Rea. Thanks Cherie for saying prayer and band for an excellent song service.



# YOUTH

## YOUTH CAMP

Epping youth had their 3rd Youth Camp, which was held at Bonnie Vale Camping Ground in Bundeena National Park. We were very lucky to be Glamping with hot showers, toilets and running water! A great turnout with approximately 17 people attending. We even went paddle boarding which was quite an experience! Lots of laughs were had by all!





## ADVENTURERS & PATHFINDERS

*Thanks Rod, Elaine, Arthur and Ben for the photos*

All the Adventurers and Pathfinders seemed to have a fantastic weekend for a Pathfinders Camp at Yellowrock Camp! There were a few new people who joined the camp including Amy and her father Mat. Below are a few photos of the many activities they got up to!







# EPHING MISSION PROJECT- ICC SRI LANKA

As you know, some of our church members travelled to Sri Lanka on a medical and spiritual mission in early January. Thank you Henry for the report!

In January, a group of 18 Epping church members witnessed the culmination of three years of fundraising over \$32,000 for International Children's Care Australia at their Sri Lanka children's village. As a direct result of the funds, two sustainable enterprises were established: cement block-making and also a sewing shop.

The seed money helped purchase equipment and training for local workers while providing basic services for the children's village as well as for the public. This proved a timely project for student employment, skills development and industry techniques in a niche market for the local area. The benefit to the children's village was twofold: a reduction in expenses outgoing and internal services provided. The block making allowed the construction of a large meeting room, and the sewing ladies provided necessary uniforms for the children as well as a host of textile related needs.

In preparation for the trip, Epping Pathfinders and friends fundraised and produced over 800 finger puppets for distribution to children in Sri Lanka as support for introducing Puppet Ministry to the mission.

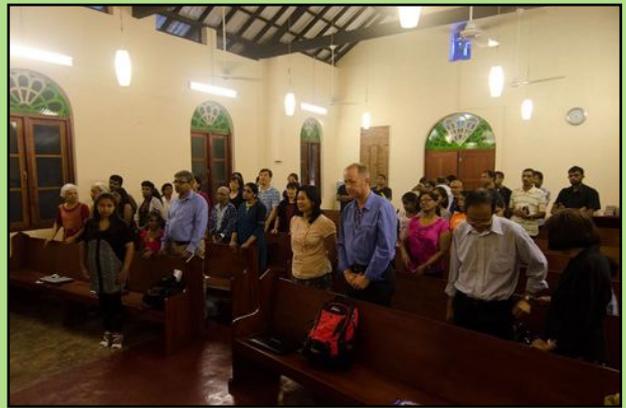
Upon arrival, the whole children's village welcomed the Epping visitors royally with a traditional Kandyan dance and drums. Each child was dressed in their best and lined the roadway with huge smiles and warm hearts. The house mothers showed off each child's quarters with pride and polish. Their appreciation was boundless having visitors grace their homes.

While these were the primary goals for the visit, additional ventures were convened in the short 12 day trip:

- These included an eight-night evangelistic series in Kandy, "Secrets of Health & Prophecy" which the local church had done ground work for nearly six months prior. The Kandy church had not run public evangelism for more than 20 years and was combined with daily health talks. On the last Sabbath there were 7 decisions for baptism. Additionally there were a number of key attendees (leaders of other faiths) that made decisions to keep Sabbath.
- Concurrently a Puppet Ministry thrust for the children was instituted with resources left for future development. Finger puppets were distributed to the children as a gift from Epping Pathfinders.
- Two medical members of the team provided three days of Advanced Life Support training to staff at Lakeside Adventist Hospital along with the donation of two teaching manikins to the Hospital worth over \$5000.
- Some doctors were able to present their professional experiences to members of the Kandy Medical Society and foster additional contacts on a professional forum.
- A medical assessment under the auspices of a local physician and with the assistance of the Lakeside Adventist Hospital for children and parents of a tea estate were conducted.
- Alongside the medical assessment, the local preschool presented a most fascinating welcoming cultural concert encouraged by a local NGO that educates for women's rights amongst the tea estate workers. All of the children were presented with finger puppets.
- When finger puppets and other toys were given to every child in the children's village, their delight was genuinely spontaneous and endearing. Laughter and joy broke down the cultural barriers as they bonded with the visitors.
- The house mothers shared their knowledge of local cuisine in a small cooking class for the visitors. The aromas will waft all the way back to Sydney.

Throughout the visit, it was evident how the teaching, healing and preaching ministries interacted with and through each other. How blessed are people who share their love for God, not just in good deeds but simply bonding and making unspoken friendships spreading unspeakable grace that joins the hearts of all. ICC-Sri Lanka, you will always be remembered for what you have given Epping church.

Thanks Alvin and Arthur for the photographs





# 2014 PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE

As you all would know, the photography course held by Light and Motion Photography is on at the moment. A large group attended this fantastic course and I'm sure everyone learnt a lot! I know a few people have already put that they learnt to practice! Next week we will be learning all about framing!

For those attending, remember this week's photography challenge is: **MOVEMENT**

Dates: **Monday evenings Feb 3/10/17/24 + March 3/10**, with field trips **March 1** ( Saturday evening - sunset) and **March 9** (Sunday morning - sunrise).





# LIGHT AND MOTION PHOTOGRAPHY



## Photography Course

Light and Motion Photography's Alvin Ing and Andy Ly will be hosting a 6 week photography course in February and March 2014. This program is designed to be an introduction to photography, although more advanced concepts will be introduced in the later weeks and field trips.

**Cost** Minimum \$100 donation. All proceeds to the Epping Mission Project. For details: [eppingsda.org.au](http://eppingsda.org.au)

**Time** Monday Evenings 7pm–9pm

**Dates** February 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 3, 10.

**Two Field Trips** Saturday 1st March and Sunday 9th March.

**Venue** 2 George Street, Epping NSW 2121.

**Details and Contact** [ajing@lightandmotionphotography.com](mailto:ajing@lightandmotionphotography.com) or [lightandmotionphotography.com](http://lightandmotionphotography.com)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 1. AMEN Conference

Just a early heads up of the AMEN (Adventist Medical Evangelism Network) conference December 5-7, 2014 in Sydney.

Check out the website [www.amenaustralia.org](http://www.amenaustralia.org) if you think you would be interested.

## 2. Epping Church Camp

The church camp is coming up very soon from March 14-16, 2014 at Crosslands Convention Centre so please make sure you secure your place at this special weekend! We have not had a church camp in many years and it is a great opportunity to relax and get to know one another better in a beautiful location.

Feel free to invite your friends and family along to this camp, it will be a fun and friendly experience.

Attached is an application form, one for each person coming (including kids). Please complete the form and bring \$10 as a deposit for each camper. You can return the form to myself or Greg.

The church will be closed that weekend.

Activities to look forward to:

- Jews for Jesus presentation
- Group worship
- Relaxing
- Games/talent night
- Water sports/Pool obstacle course
- Night photography class
- Other activities which are a surprise!

\$85 adult \$45 for under 16 Food and accommodation for the whole weekend!!

*Crosslands Youth and Convention Centre  
100 Crosslands Rd, Galston NSW*



## Church Camp Registration Form

**Where:** Crosslands Convention Centre, Galston

**When:** Arrive after 4pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Leave Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> before 2pm

**Cost:** \$85 adults/\$45 under 16 for the weekend including meals.

### Details of Person Registering

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

| The menu for the weekend  |  | The activities for the weekend  |
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| <b>Friday Dinner</b><br>Bring your own  | <b>Sunday breakfast</b><br>Cereal<br>Fruit<br>Toast<br>Jam<br>Vegemite | Group worship<br>'Jews for Jesus' presentation<br>Morning walks<br>Abseiling  |
| <b>Sabbath breakfast</b><br>Cereal<br>Fruit<br>Toast<br>Jam<br>Vegemite                 | <b>Sunday Lunch</b><br>Hotdogs<br>Onions<br>Chips<br>Salad             | Water sports/canoeing/Obstacle course<br>Talent (talentless)/Games night<br>Cricket/touch football<br>Night photography<br>Free time to relax |
| <b>Sabbath Lunch</b><br>Salad<br>Vegetarian Nachos<br>Fruit                             |  | Marshmallow toasting around campfire<br>(weather permitting)  |
| <b>Sabbath Dinner</b><br>Garlic Bread<br>Soup<br>Vegetarian Lasagne<br>Salad<br>Dessert |  |   |

Please return form to Arthur or Greg with \$10 deposit.

## Special Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Aileen Manahan and her entire family in your prayers as she mourns the loss of her beloved father
- Please pray for Steven & Candace Trankie as they battle with their health issues
- Please continue to pray for those who were affected by the Typhoon in the Philippines
- Please remember Dean Ashcroft and his family in your prayers

## BIRTHDAYS

A big Happy Birthday to Ellie who celebrated her birthday yesterday!



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Inspiration for this week's photography course  
homework = MOVEMENT

Taken by Lina Hayes

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

- Phil 4:7