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:

ajing@eppingsda.org.au

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

This Sabbath @ Epping

*Epping Church will be having our **Communion Service** this Sabbath. The service will be taken by **Pastor Michael Dabson**, with **Alvin** being the elder in charge. The sermon is entitled **"Christ's Broken Body - the Bread of Life"** with the key text being 1 Corinthians 11:24.*

*The offering this week is for **Local Budget.***

"Seventh-day-Adventists are "open-communicants". This term means that Christians of any denomination are welcome to take part in the communion service with us, as fellow-believers in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Last Sabbath @ Epping

*Epping Church was privileged to have **Jean Pierre Martinez** take our service last week. Pastor Martinez is the chaplain at Mountain View College, and his message was that of Christ's unconditional love and acceptance of us. Together with Wendy, Jean Pierre also gave us a message in song.*

*Earlier in the service, Arthur presented the inaugural **Amazing Race** (Mark 1) trophy to the winning team: Team Worker*

Nominating Committee

We're almost there! Thank you to all Epping Church members who have been so enthusiastic in answering the phone and saying "Yes I can". It's a joy to see so many of you display the desire and willingness to serve our Lord within our local church. It certainly makes the committee's job very easy. Thank you.

Hopefully the Committee can present the final report to the church in the coming weeks.

Pathfinder News

The next Pathfinder meeting will be held Sabbath November 29.

Further details will be available from Henry during the week.

Epping Church News: Upcoming Events

1. Communion Service: this Sabbath - November 22

2. Christmas Service: December 13

Please remember this date and encourage your family and friends to attend this special service

Amazing Race Mark 2 – Sunday November 30

Due to the success of Mark 1, Arthur has planned another extravaganza.

From Arthur:

*The next Amazing race is being planned and it will be **even more amazing** than the last one!*

There will be actual roadblocks where one member from each team will be required to perform feats requiring courage, skill or downright stupidity…perhaps all three! The roadblocks or challenges will be timed for bonus points. The driving component will still be un-timed so there is no need to speed.

The race will be run on a Sunday morning and it will end at a park for a BBQ/picnic lunch where there will be other activities like tug-o-war and sack races as well as a final team challenge. This means that no one has to miss out on the fun because you can join us for lunch if you don't want to race.

*This event will be **BIG** and you will kick yourself for a whole year if you miss it.*

You will need to bring the following: swimmers, sand shoes, a bike helmet if you have one…you may also need a strong stomach and a poor sense of smell…bwaa haa haa!

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:** 14th 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

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

Emerging Band

For those missed out, here is a video edited by ***Arthur****, of the band's inaugural performance on November 8:*

http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=nD-oUSNhrAM

Sew and Tell – Christmas Party: 1st December

The next Sew and Tell meeting is the Christmas Party as per the invitation below. All ladies are invited. The Invitation Card features the artistic talent of ***Helen Wong****.*

The menu for this event can be found at:

www.gordonlebanesecuisine.com

Epping Project – Philippines Orphanage

Thanks to Belle for the updates:

Epping Mission Project

Fundraising Goal	**$50,000 ($26,502 raised so far)**
Mission Project	Completion of the ICC Happy Valley Elementary School, ICC Orphanage, Dinalupihan, Floridablanca, Philippines.
Target Date	**January 2010**
How do you make a donation?	When you send in your donation, please specify "Epping Mission Project".
• **Credit Card**	Credit Card Form provided and fax to ICC Office. Fax: (03) 8660 2967
• **Cheque** • **Postal Address**	International Children's Care Shop 7 Riviera Plaza BAIRNSDALE VIC 3875
• **Direct deposit**	Commonwealth Bank BSB 063 532 Account No 1033 5881 International Children's Care
How much should I give?	How big is your heart? Donations over $2 is tax deductible
ICC Website	http://www.iccaustralia.org.au/
ICC Australia	Dean Beveridge, Coordinator dbeveridge@iccaustralia.org.au
For more details contact	belletung@gmail.com 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 **(03) 8660 2967**			
Postal Address	International Children's Care Shop 7 Riviera Plaza BAIRNSDALE VIC 38757A			
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THANK YOU !!!

Prayer Requests:

Elsie Wong, Paul, Pauline and Patrick.	*Please remember the Wong family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of their husband and father Frank.*
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.*
Helen Hall	*Helen does important work with refugees in Thailand. As Jeanette mentioned in her email during the week, Helen is experiencing some difficulties in Thailand and would appreciate our prayers.*
Bob McIntyre	*Please continue to pray for Bob and his family*
University and School students	*We ask that you remember our students as they complete their end of year examinations*

Dates to put down in your diary

November 22	*Communion Service*
November 30	*Amazing Race 2*
December 14	*Backyard Blitz, Redfern*
December 16	*Christmas Service*

Thought for the Week:

The Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7