

JOIN US IN PRAYER

2023 Island ECC Praise and Thanks

O God, we witnessed Your presence throughout the year.
You are our destination.

We praise You for You are ...

Righteous

... the Lord is upright;
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

PSALM 92:15

Wonderful

O Lord, You are my God; I will exalt You; I will praise Your name,
for You have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

ISAIAH 25:1

Immanuel

... I am with you always, to the end of the age.

MATTHEW 28:20



Your works in and through us are great and
we want to give You thanks

Island ECC

- Baptism of 77 people: 49 adults and 28 youths.
- Special services at Good Friday, Easter and Advent Sundays to remember Jesus's love in action.
- Emotional and practical assistance through pastors and professional counsellors, 71 people helped.
- 60 committed Dragon Boat Arkers that competes for Jesus's joy.
- Fundraised over \$11M at the September 20 Gala
- Financial provision of the church and Love Offering of \$2.2M with the theme, "Blessed to be a Blessing".
- Meaningful Christmas Eve services attended by over 3300 people.
- Increased faith across all ages and gender.

Bold Faith

- God has been leading the building project through the faithful church leadership, talented volunteers and committed staff.
- Thank you for the generosity from faithful congregants with a total received of \$419M, including giving and pledges.

Family Ministries

- A Toast to Love, this wonderful celebration of marriage was attended by many couples.
- Re|Engage blessed couples who have committed to the 20-week programme in deepening fellowships and exploring practical marriage topics.
- Parenting and Marriage Courses throughout the year assisted families greatly.

Women

- Gathered 78 women at Identity and Destiny Retreat where everyone received life-transforming and freeing truth from God.
- The Village continues to create space and hubs for women to gather and grow spiritually in various platforms: study groups, The Village Gathering, Mom's Group, and Woven (working moms' group in Central)

Men

- First ever Act Like Men season 1 successfully graduated 59 men whom had participated 70% or more of the 10 week lessons on what it means to become a REAL men of God!
- Amazing team addition to Pure Desire Team, Irene Lo. She has been helping ladies find new directions in their lives.

Young Adults

- First ever lay-led young adult retreat.
- Great engagement in our self-produced Bible studies through the book of Daniel and Hebrews.

Senior Adults

- Engaging intergenerational worship, such as by our Kid's Worship Team.
- New monthly newsletter produced by Martin Radford.

Youth

- First Preteen Summer Camp gathered parents and preteens for a BBQ, night of worship, and affirmations.
- First Island Youth service on the first floor, Youth students led worship and Youth staff shared message.

Children's Ministries and Marvel

- Launched local outreach events: North Point monthly Elderly home visit and Wan Chai community food and blessing bags distribution in partnership with YWAM.
- Volunteer Retreat at Sai Kung, everyone spent a great day learning and fellowshiping.
- First Marvel Family Christmas Party at Cafe 8.
- Witnessing God's lead in our faithful Marvel buddies and trainers, Dorcas & Kevin Lam to His mission field.

Care Group

- Wonderful CG leaders working very hard to care for their members – what a shepherding heart!
- Care Group Connect continues to assist in creating new groups.

Classes and Equipping

- Israel Study Trip motivated participants to keep deepening their faith and understanding of the Bible.
- Classes and seminars continue to help participants get to know the Bible.

Hope of the City (Local Outreach)

- Fourteen women graduated from July Mommies Learn English programme. After 4 years of learning English, most have welcomed Jesus into their lives, and several have started new jobs where English was useful.
- “Hope is Brewing”, 284 guests were served by 12 trained youth and enjoyed cakes baked from the mothers in English Class at Hope Centre’s transformed mini-cafe during summer. Despite the stress they went through serving a huge crowd, the encouragement from guests inspired them to dream bigger in what they could achieve in the future.
- “Go Love! Campaign”, a churchwide campaign that gathered ministries to explore on how to serve the city even better in this month-long volunteer drive. The message of living out both the Greatest Commandment in Matthew 25 and the Great Mission in Matthew 28 was clearly shared in sermons, newsletters, and social media.

Outreach

- Alpha Season 35 and 36 with 22 new believers.
- 3 new Supported Partners (individual/family units) sent out.
- God’s faithful lead at the Indonesian Oasis Centre throughout the year. Witnessed God bringing around thirty Muslims to December Christmas Outreach celebration.
- Filipino sisters were asked to bring non-believing friends to Christmas Outreach that led to 57 visitors accepting Christ as their Saviour. Rejoicing with the 3 baptised: a Muslim background believer and 2 attendees from evangelism and outreach endeavours.

Prayer

- God-fearing volunteers who are bountifully loving God’s church.
- Journey of the Heart prayer workshop in August blessed every heart to experience God’s tangible truthful love.
- Monthly prayer walks started

Worship

- Committed and generous team serving every Sunday and on special services.
- Renew Worship Night assisted the church in praising and singing to God joyfully.