

2009 *Praise and Thanks*
to our
Sovereign & Faithful God

Psalm 100

- ¹Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
²Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before Him with joyful songs.
³Know that the Lord is God.
It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
⁴Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His Name.
⁵For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

- ¹⁰David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to You, O Lord, God of our Father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
¹¹Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours.
Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;
You are exalted as head over all.
¹²Wealth and honour come from You;
You are the ruler of all things.
In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.
¹³Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious Name.

Psalm 30

- ¹I will exalt You, O Lord,
for You lifted me out of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.
²O Lord My God, I called to You for help
and You healed me.
³O Lord, You brought me up from the grave;
You spared me from going down into the pit.
⁴Sing to the Lord, you saints of His;
praise His holy Name.
⁵For His anger lasts only a moment,
but His favour lasts a lifetime;
weeping may remain for a night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.
⁶When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."
⁷O Lord, when You favoured me,
You made my mountain stand firm;
but when You hid Your face, I was dismayed.
⁸To You O Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:
⁹"What gain is there in my destruction,
in my going down into the pit?
Will the dust praise You?
Will it proclaim Your faithfulness?
¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me;
O Lord, be my help."
¹¹You turned my wailing into dancing;
You removed my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
¹²that my heart may sing to You and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give You thanks forever.

"I thank God that He searched and found me. He saved me and transformed me and gave me a brand new life, a life that has meaning and is abundant. I know all glory goes to our Father but I also want to thank a few individuals who have guided and supported me along this journey especially at the beginning: June, Dawn, Flo, Bobby, Gary and Garland. I praise God for these wonderful brothers and sisters. I pray that God will continue to use us mightily to expand His kingdom. I love You Father and I pray that our love for You will grow deeper everyday."

Ricki Yuen
Associate Director of Volunteers Ministries



Praise and Thank Him for:

ISLAND ECC

- Blessing our church abundantly in every aspect of our needs.
- Appointment of three new Elders: Andrew Kanaganayagam, Mario Damo and Yong Guk Lee.
- Opening of Quench to equip us to read and know more about Him and His ways.
- New ministry, FUSE for young adults (20s to 30s).
- Melissa Yu's, Gracy DenBesten's, Wayne Ho's and other people the prayer intercessors have been praying for. They had truly inspired the team on who God is and His unfailing love.
- 12 babies being dedicated to the Lord.
- 56 people were baptised at our church.
- Many people came to Christ and are growing closer to Him through Alpha.
- God's faithfulness and providence on our financial challenges.

MEN'S MINISTRIES & CARE GROUP

- Around 150 men are on a discipleship process.
- 10 new Care Groups started for the Prodigal God study.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

- Women's Conference—Almost 300 women from 17 different churches attended. Women came to faith and many made a renewed commitment to be devoted disciples.
- Making women sensitive to each other's needs. They have stepped up to help single moms get to church, delivered meals to moms with new babies and have formed prayer groups.
- Over 50 women studying the basics of 2:7 discipleship class and over 100 women studying God's Word weekly.
- Increasing the number of women in the mentoring programme.
- Faithful volunteers and leaders, leading and discipling women in our church.

FILIPINO MINISTRIES

- New ladies that have joined us both in the Saturday and Sunday groups.
- His protection and provision to the ladies and their families back home (nobody got hurt during the typhoon season).
- His unfailing love and being Riza's source of strength and joy.

INDONESIAN MINISTRIES

- His faithfulness in ministering to all the ladies, His presence in our daily lives and for all He has done.
- Bringing three new believers to come to know the Lord and for His provision.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

- Successful Missions Conference in January and Oxford in Asia with RZIM in September.
- Over 400 people participated in our short-term outreaches, which covers both local and overseas. Around 60 people came to believe in Jesus.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

- Resound. Bringing together different youth groups and pastors from across the city with a united vision for seeing a movement of Christ sweep over the city beginning with the youth!
- His works, guiding us to see His vision for youth ministry more clearer than ever before and are excited to follow Him where He is leading us.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

- Wonderful and committed individuals who make this ministry possible on a weekly basis and the gift of being a part of this church.
- Night in Bethlehem Christmas Outreach Event. We had around 88 new children and 44 Island ECC returnees who came with their parents and these numbers are above our regular attendance. Thank God for our volunteers and youth team in making this event possible.

MERCY MINISTRIES

- Nursing Home (English-speaking once a month & Cantonese-speaking quarterly) - These visits have been very encouraging to the residents of the homes and have been a wonderful way to show God's love in a tangible way this past year.
- India Easter Outreach - A team from Island ECC visited the work in Southern India and did a wonderful job loving the children from the slums, sharing their faith and distributing food.
- Mongolia Summer Outreach - Three teams from our church participated in a summer camp for orphaned and abandoned children, put on "Vacation Bible School" for children in the slums and outreach programmes for the teenagers and women.
- Touch of Mercy Ltd. - We praise God that Touch of Mercy Ltd. has been approved as a Hong Kong registered charity, to be a support for the Island ECC orphanage project in Southern China, the children's homes in India and the Mongolia projects.
- Chi Ma Wan Prison Ministry (Women) - The team has seen a number of inmates accept Christ as their Saviour and see them grow closer to God in their time together.
- Tung Tau Prison Ministry (Men) - These visits started with eight inmates attending, the number has grown to 30 inmates each visit. They have grown in their relationship with God and become more comfortable in sharing too.
- Pik Uk Prison Ministry (Men) - The inmates and the teams have developed a close bond over this year. This past Easter, Island ECC put on a special worship time with Jeff Caylor and Tim LaTour.

VOLUNTEERS MINISTRIES

- Praise God for the great VIP board who loves to serve God, for faithful and flexible volunteers who serve God's church on a weekly basis and as needed.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

- Formation of different prayer teams for different ministries. The passion of the intercessors are really encouraging. All the answered prayers we received from God.
- Increased awareness of our church on the power of prayer and increased participation of our church on corporate prayer meetings.

MINISTRY SUPPORT

- Praise God for blessing us with great staff: Sylvia Evans, Fun Je, On Suk and Kwan Je. Praise God for our team spirit.
- Praise God for His abundant blessings to Eliza and her family, the bonding among family members grew much stronger in the past year.
- Praise and thank God for leading Eliza to work at church and blessing her with a cool team who really supports her both at work and in her spiritual growth.

