

**From The Pastor's Desk:**

Part of our mission here at ICB is to **help people find their way back to God**. It was a huge privilege to see that happen many times in 2009. And I hope to see many more people find their way back in 2010. I know there are many people out there that feel like they are "so far" from God that they can't possible find their way back. It's not true. Yes, we're all millions of miles away based on our sin. But the truth is that God is right behind you. You may turn your back on God, but God doesn't turn his back on you.

The other day I was looking in the refrigerator for something. I was moving pretty fast. I grabbed the food, turned and almost tripped over Anna. She was literally **RIGHT** behind me and I didn't know it. Turns out she'd followed me all the way from the couch. Ever had that experience?

I think God's presence is a lot like that sometimes. I love Psalm 23:6: "Surely goodness and love will **follow** me all the days of my life."



Follow isn't a good translation from the Hebrew. It's a stronger word. It means to track. It means to chase. It means to hunt. Maybe "hunting" isn't such a good image, but could we say God tracks us down? Not to harm us, but to be near us, to love us, to be loved by us. Not to condemn us, but to save us. There is nothing God wants to do more than to show you His goodness. And here is the amazing thing. All we have to do is turn around. The biblical word is repent. Turn around and you'll discover that God is right behind you. His goodness and His love are right there!

This applies to those of us feeling like we are a long way from God. It also applies to those of us who have friends and family who we think are a long way from God. It's not true. God is right behind us all. A simple change of direction will reveal that.

Grace & Peace



Stewart

P.S.: Simple Newsletter because of the holidays.

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

✦ Pray for church members and friends who are struggling with immigration & employment issues.



## PRAYER FOCUS:

Prayer Focus: Pray for a constructive and inspiring Annual Business Meeting on 24 January and new church leadership as we elect a new Church Council at that meeting on the 24th.

*If you would like a prayer concern to be included in this list please mail to <a href="mailto:pastor@icbangkok.org">pastor@icbangkok.org*

## JANUARY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Nick Mische
- 2 Elysabete Kasendo
- 3 Anna Perry
- 7 Betsy Walter-Echols
- 8 Didid Dwiana
- 9 Caelyn Macky
- 9 Stansye Rungkat
- 11 Dongo Flavian
- 12 Suwadee Salmon
- 14 Pat Kay
- 19 Irene Li
- 21 Samuel Yau
- 23 Toby Kambhu
- 23 Bonaventure Kasendo
- 24 Mark Compaan
- 27 Harold Furr
- 28 Alice Law



## CHRISTMAS CAROL ON THE BOAT

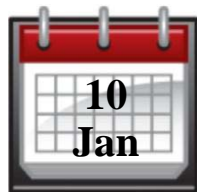


1. One of the sights along the Chaophraya river
2. One more photo before saying goodbye
3. Strike up the band & make the fireflies dance under the silver moon
4. OK, get your cameras ready now!

Each year, ICB organizes Christmas carol on the boat, it is a time to gather to celebrate Christmas and to sing Carols and enjoy the many scenes of Chaophraya River in the night.

We had a packed boat this year with both old friends and new ones!

Thanks especially to Laura Perry for organizing it in 2009.



**Children's Sunday School**  
Resumes 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010



January Outreach Partner  
**Had Yai Cornerstone Church**  
Shares with ICB



**Annual Business Meeting**  
\* 2010 Proposed Budget available soon  
\* 2010 Church Council nominees list available soon.

**Outreach Partner for December:**  
**Elisha Children's Home**

Purple Box = 36,260 Baht. We estimate the 10% tithe to be 45,416 baht, so we raised approximately 81,676 baht

*See E-Messengers for more details*

**Stewardship Pledge Opportunity**

It is our prayer that this "stewardship pledge form" will prompt you to prayerfully consider your financial support for ministry in and through your church for 2010. to that end – may God bless you and strengthen you for ministry.

Please return either by dropping this form into the offering bags or send to the church office. 61/2 Soi Saen Sabai 3, Sukhumvit 36, Bangkok 10110. You can also email a pledge to K. Arunee at office @ icbangkok.org

**International Church of Bangkok**  
**STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE Form 2010**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

I/We pledge to offer in stewardship

Baht \_\_\_\_\_ per week / month / year (please circle one).

Other Currency \_\_\_\_\_ per week / month / year (please circle one).

for the year ending December 31, 2010 or until \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

*To receive The Messenger by email ahead of Sunday mornings please send a request to [pastor@icbangkok.org](mailto:pastor@icbangkok.org) and you will be added to the list.*

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## ICB's SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8.45 am *Choir Practice*  
(A liking in singing is all you need to come for practice)
- 9.00 am *Adult Sunday School*  
(Occasional series.)
- 10.00 am *Worship*
- 10.30 am *Graded Sunday School*  
(Ages 4 – 12)
- 11.00 am *Loaves & Fishes Café Fellowship*
- 6.30 pm *Contemporary Evening Worship @ Bangkok Christian Guest House*

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**ADVANCING THE WORK OF GOD**

*Thank You*

**In December, ICB raised approximately 81,676 Baht for Elisha Children's Home**