

From Your Pastor

A friend of mine (Hank) shared a recent event in his life. He'd gone to visit friends in San Francisco. He woke up early one morning and was looking for something to do while everyone else slept. He took a walk. On his walk he came across a crowd of people.

Being curious, he checked it out. He had stumbled upon a walkathon for breast cancer. As he was observing the scene, a participant named Bertha approached. She was a quirky older lady with a thick New York accent. Hank thought it was odd that she had a cigarette dangling from her mouth while walking to raise money for cancer research.



Bertha talked with Hank and ultimately asked him if he'd like to walk with her to support the cause. At first he said "no". It wasn't what he'd planned. But the longer she engaged him and the more he sensed her passion, he finally gave in and walked with Bertha. They were an unlikely pair! On the walk, Bertha shared her life story. And what started as an ordinary, boring, perhaps a little lonely morning turned into one filled with laughter, connection and a life lesson.

It is interesting how Bertha got Hank to walk a mile with her because she saw him when no one else did. She showed interest when everyone else was just walking by. She wooed him with her kindness and charm. Hank followed her and joined her cause because she cared. There is a lesson here somewhere for those of us who are Christians. What do you think the lesson is?

Grace & Peace



Stewart

Can't make it to Church in the Morning?

ICB now has two Worship Services every Sunday.

10:00am – Bangkok Christian College

6.30p m– Bangkok Christian Guest house

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▣ Prayers for the Myrnalee Aclan and family as they mourn the loss of Myrna's father.
- ▣ Prayers for Yanti's father who is having stomach problems.
- ▣ Prayers for friends and members struggling with visa and financial problems.

PRAYER FOCUS:

Let's pray that God give us creativity, wisdom and passion as we begin to think about reaching out to friends and neighbors at Christmas time. Ask God to help you see who would be the best people to invite with you to worship during the blessed season.



If you would like a prayer concern to be included in this list please mail to pastor@icbangkok.org

MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to talk about formally joining ICB please speak with Rev. Perry.

Membership at ICB does NOT require you to give up membership in another church. It is simply a way of reaffirming faith in Christ and ICB as your Bangkok church home.

To receive The Messenger by email ahead of Sunday mornings please send a request to pastor@icbangkok.org and you will be added to the list.



Fellowship

Connect with Fellow ICBers

Go to the Facebook Group – International Church of Bangkok. Join a small group. Invite someone you are chatting with after worship to join you for lunch.

!! HELP WANTED !!

Looking for volunteers to help with the children's classes. We work on a rotation schedule so no one person is away from the worship service for very long. If interested or for more information, please contact Caryn Macky or Pastor Stewart

Do you have toddler toys that your children have outgrown or don't play with anymore?

The nursery is looking for some Clean, Safe, used toys that are in Good Condition. Toys can be brought on any Sunday or for more information contact Caryn Macky.

SERMON SCHEDULE

IN DECEMBER: What if it didn't happen?

Starting the last Sunday in November and continuing through Christmas Eve – we'll be looking at events associated with Advent and Christmas and asking the question: what if it didn't happen? What if the kingdom of God isn't coming? What if Jesus wasn't born? What if God didn't become human?

Sometimes it helps to understand something by thinking about how the world (or our lives) would be different without it. Plan now to bring a friend with you during the lead up to Christmas.

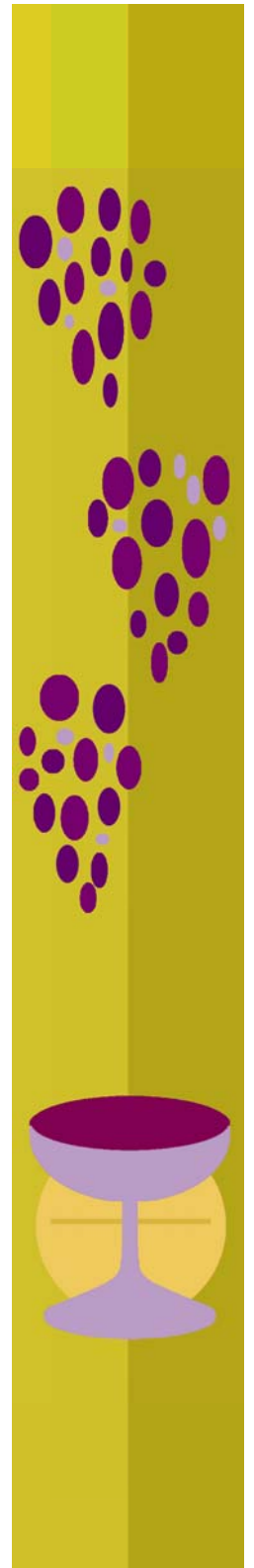
New Communion Banners In Use By Avery Udagawa, Worship Committee

ICB's celebration of Worldwide Communion Sunday on October 4 featured a pair of new communion banners that are familiar to many at ICB, having been introduced mid-year.

The banners were designed by former ICB member Tom Larsen and crafted from Thai silk by U-Thong Quilts, producers associated with ThaiCraft, an independent fair trade organization with historic ties to ICB.

The banners feature images associated with communion: grapes and a chalice to suggest wine (represented by grape juice at ICB), and wheat and a round loaf of unleavened bread to suggest bread, or the host. Unleavened bread is used due to the historic connection between Passover and the Last Supper. The banners use shades of yellow, green, and purple that make it possible for them to be used on communion Sundays in any season, together with ICB's altar and pulpit cloths, which (depending on the time of year) may be green, blue, white, purple, or red.

New vertical banners were also introduced at ICB during Advent 2008 and Lent 2009, and new Pentecost banners have been completed for use in spring 2010.



NOVEMBER OUTREACH PARTNER PAHK 16 AIDS MINISTRY



Please note this Sunday as the Pahk 16 AIDS Ministry will share their mission with us.

Note: Information of Pahk 16 AIDS Ministry is not available during the time of printing. Sorry for inconveniences caused.

Thank you for noticing the Purple Pail! It is on the table at the Entrance. Money placed in the purple pail (or pink “outreach” envelopes) goes 100% to our partner for the month.

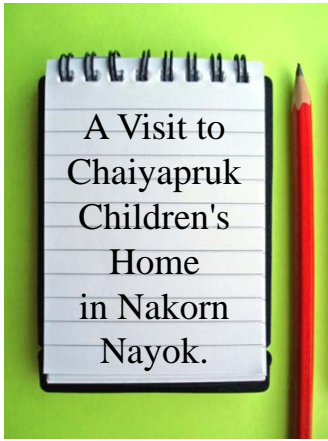
In September, the purple pail for Kwai River Christian Hospital was 32,950Baht!

10% of the church’s yearly offerings go to our outreach partners. We estimate the 10% tithes to be 45,416 baht, so we raised approximately baht 78,366 Baht!



If you have any items - stories, comments, news about members, ideas-to include, please get them to Darrell Chen at ckdarrell@ymail.com. Thank you!

OUTREACH ACTIVITY



Almost 30 of ICB members made a journey to Chaiyapruk Children's Home in Nakorn Nayok on the 17th Oct. Most of the ICB-ers visited the Eucalyptus Farm, the award winning earthworm farm and the children's dormitory while some stayed back to play a game of UNO and Bingo with the Children.

Part of the ICB-ers took photos with International Church's donation...as Pastor Stewart puts it: International Church's donation last year paid for a septic tank. No one can say we only go for the sexy projects!

By noon we were treated to delicious home-made baked chicken, puff pastries and performance by the children of Chaiyapruk.



1. Chaiyapruk Foundation
2. Dancing & Singing Performance by the children
3. Taking a rest after visiting the Eucalyptus Farm
4. Group photo with ICB's donation – Septic Tank

5. A game of UNO with the kids
6. Kelly's Foundation goes to the library, they have new windows, floorings & book shelves
7. Award winning earthworm farm

Like to have more outreach visitations?

Want to be involved in organizing others activities for the church?

For more information , turn to Page 6

Your Church Council Representatives:

Chairperson:	Thelma Kay
Vice Chair:	Vacant
Secretary:	Darrell Chen
Christian Ed:	Caryn Macky
Fellowship:	Nancy Pacag
Finance:	Devin Brougham
Membership:	Vacant
Outreach:	Malinee Leethochawalit
Worship:	Avery Udagawa / Chris Tananone
At Large:	Prenston Gale / Dora True / Margaret McMillion



Membership and Outreach are both looking for more people to be involved. The ICB Council Committees function more like work teams than committees. They are not supervising ministry so much as doing it. Talk to Pastor Stewart or to the person responsible in your area of interest."



Indonesian Women's Study – Meets for bible study every Tuesday, at Bangkok Gardens, Tower E Condo # 5095, Narathiwas soi 24, New Sathorn. If interested talk to Ansy Rungkat (081-554-9039). This group uses the Indonesian language.

Klong Prem Central Prison Visitation - Members can visit prisoners and bring a little light into a very dreary place. Visits last about 30 mins and are with individual prisoners through a window. Dates are flexible. Contact Mio Foster (086-044-3808) for details.

Nichada Group - Women's fellowship and Bible study meets on Tuesday evenings. Family fellowship dinners on occasion. Contact Caryn Macky for details at carynm@isb.ac.th. Group is on break until August.

Sala Daeng Bible Study –At the Bangkok Christian Guest House on Wednesdays @ 7pm. Contact Andrew Dircks (087-689-8618).

Pakkred Babies Group - Volunteers help feed and play with children (ages 4-10) in the cerebral palsy ward every Tuesday. Contact Mio Foster (086-044-3808) or John Amollo (084-681-7463).

SUSPENDED DUE TO SWINE FLU SCARE

Ramkamhaeng, Bangna, Srinakarin Area Group - This group is regrouping. Please call Francis Carredo (085-145-2845) for details. Planning to meet on Sunday afternoons every other week. It's a family style group.

Spirituality and Culture Group meets mostly on alternating Tuesdays near Nana BTS. Call Malcolm McKinlay (081-701-1087) or Dan Lewis (081-804-1957) for details/directions.

Thong Lor Area Group - The Thong Lor mid-week group begins Wednesday 2 September. Call Pastor Stewart (081-923-2810) or Ken Mays (081-919-2446) if interested.

Women's Monday Bible Study Meets Monday mornings from 9:30 till 11:30 near Sukhumvit 31. Call Laura for details (081-923-2610). The group is studying Philippians.

Sunday School News

November 1

Movie for children ages 3 - 8

November 8 - Helping Hands

Virtue: Cooperation—working together to do more than you can do alone.

Memory Verse: “Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

Bible Story: Helping Hands (Joshua wins the battle over the Amalekites) • Exodus 17:8-13

Bottom Line: Look for ways to help somebody succeed.

November 15 - A Little Help from My Friends

Virtue: Cooperation—working together to do more than you can do alone.

Memory Verse: “Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

Bible Story: A Little Help from My Friends

(Jesus heals a paralyzed man) • Luke 5:17-26

Bottom Line: Friends who trust God work together to change lives.



November 22 - All Together Now

Virtue: Cooperation—working together to do more than you can do alone.

Memory Verse: “Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

Bible Story: All Together Now (building the tabernacle) • Exodus 28:1,3; 31:1-11; 35:21,25,34; 39:42-43

Bottom Line: Work together to get God’s work done.

November 29 - Not Just on Sunday

Faith Skill #5: Worship with your life (praise and give)

Bible Story: Not Just on Sunday (the fellowship of the believers) • Acts 2:42-47

Bottom Line: I can worship God _____.

December 6 - The Angel

Virtue: Compassion—caring enough to do something about someone else’s need.

Memory Verse: “God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son.

Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.” John 3:16, NIV

Bible Story: The Angel (Gabriel appears to Mary) • Luke 1:26-38

Bottom Line: God saw our greatest need. Whose needs do you see?

Note :

REMINDER TO TEACHERS: Please give your teaching schedule through January to Caryn at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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ICB's SUNDAY SCHEDULE

<i>8.45 am</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
<i>9.00 am</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Worship</i>
<i>10.30 am</i>	<i>Graded Sunday School (Ages 4 – 12)</i>
<i>11.00 am</i>	<i>Loaves & Fishes Café Fellowship</i>
<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Contemporary Evening Worship (@ Bangkok Christian Guest House)</i>

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ADVANCING THE WORK OF GOD

Thank You

In October, ICB raised
approximately 78,366 baht for Kwai
River Christian Hospital