

Evangelism-Discipleship Department (E-DD) (formerly *Evangelistic Band*)

The Evangelistic Band (E-Band) was the local outreach ministry of Life B-P Church, consisting of members who have a passion for sharing the Gospel and fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
Matthew 28:19-20

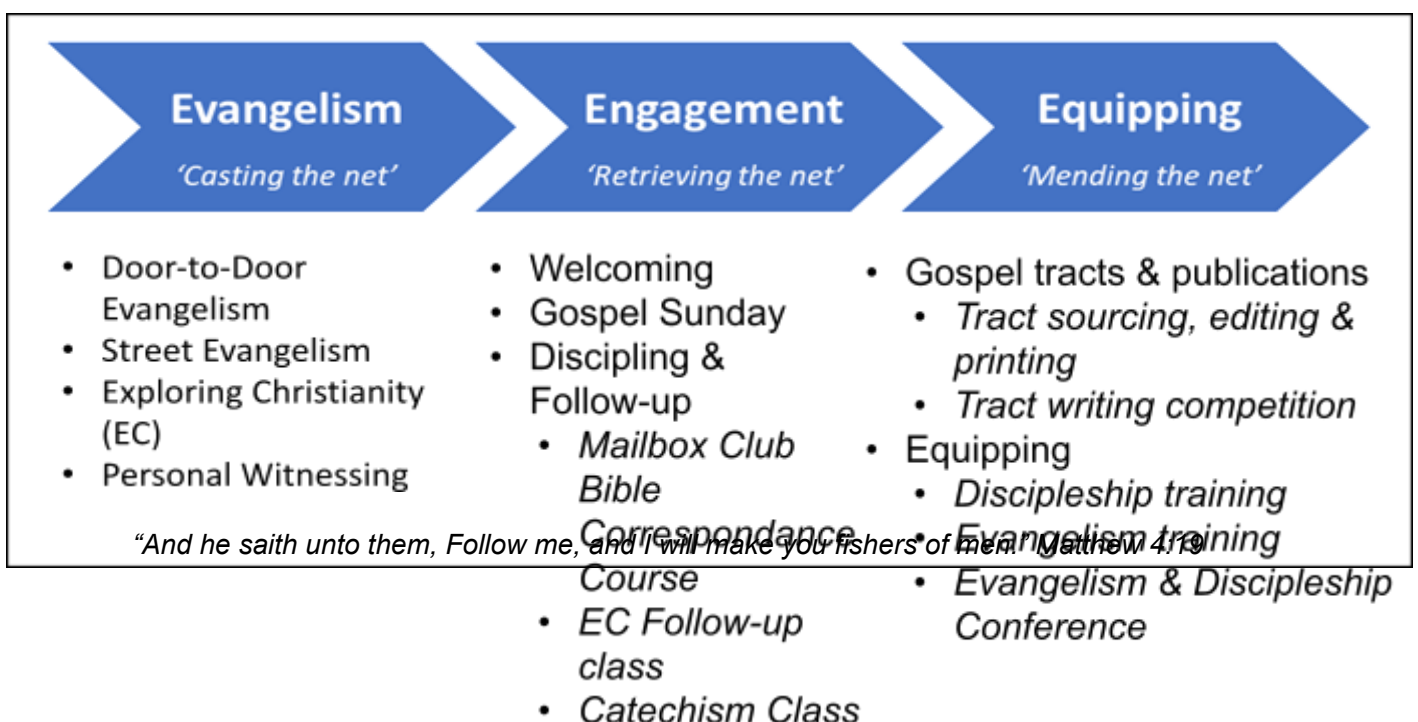
In 2005, the E-Band was renamed as the Evangelism-Discipleship Department (E-DD), to better reflect the need for both evangelism and discipleship of new believers. We thank God for brothers who served in the committee of the E-DD for many years, namely, brothers Tan Thiam Hong, Simon Cheng, Tan Ming Song, Lee Chee Weng, Lim Seng Hoo, Ong Beng Hong and Sonny Loe.

In January 2024, a new E-DD committee was formed comprising the following members:

1. Eld Michael Ong
2. Dn Lim Ming Yann
3. Bro Amos Hoon
4. Dn Alvin Chow
5. Dn Joshua Chia
6. Bro Desmond Chow
7. Bro Mark Lim
8. Bro Ignatius Yeo
9. Sis Judy Loon
10. Sis Judy Fong
11. Bro Ryan Lim

The refreshed objective of the E-DD is to **“Enable Lifers to Evangelise, Engage and be Equipped to fulfil the Great Commission”** with a tagline, **“Advancing God’s kingdom, one soul at a time”**.

The refreshed E-DD committee re-organised the local outreach efforts into the logical flow of Evangelism, Engagement and Equipping. This provides a continuous flow where unbelievers may be brought into the church; newcomers may be engaged and discipled; and believers may be equipped for the outreach work. This is shown in the schematic below, mirroring the process of fishing, except that we will be fishers of men



1. Evangelism

Evangelism focuses on the outreach efforts which include the following:

- i.* Door-to-Door Evangelism
- ii.* Street Evangelism
- iii.* Exploring Christianity
- iv.* Personal Witnessing

i. Door-to-Door Evangelism (D2DE)

- Door-to-Door evangelism (D2DE) is conducted on a fortnightly basis on the 1st and 3rd Lord's Day afternoons starting at 2pm.
- Different housing estates were covered over the years, including Toa Payoh, Bishan, Ang Mo Kio and Rochor, before the Yishun estate for the past 15 years.
- An average attendance of between 8-10 brethren would gather for each session.
- Over the years, different Lifers consisting of families and youths, have joined in the D2DE efforts with one of the sessions consisting 18 brethren.
- Thank God for open doors and hearts, as a number of residents have joined the Bible Correspondence Course and a few have also attended our worship services.

ii. Street Evangelism (Street E)

- Street evangelism sessions are conducted at Orchard Road annually before Christmas and Good Friday.
- The Christmas Street Evangelism sessions are normally well attended by Lifers, with numbers ranging from the tens to over thirty in recent post-COVID years.
- The brethren would give out over 1,000 tracts at each session to people along the pedestrian walkways and some people do stop to listen to the sharing of the Gospel.
- During the festive season, many become more willing to receive tracts and listen to the sharing of the Gospel while enjoying the lights and festivities.
- The Good Friday Street Evangelism session are attended by fewer Lifers in comparison to Christmas, with an average of 8-12 Lifers.
- Despite the smaller numbers, the Lord had been pleased to bless the team of faithful men and women with good spiritual harvest as the Gospel net is cast far and wide.

iii. Exploring Christianity (EC)

- The incorporation of the Exploring Christianity class into E-DD was natural, as EC provides an organised, structured introduction to Christianity to unbelievers and seekers.
- An average of 2 EC sessions are conducted each year, so that Lifers can encourage family, friends and contacts from D2DE or Street E to join the EC to better understand the Gospel.
- In recent years, the team had also seen a number of EC attendees joining the follow-up classes.
- Some attended the catechism class after the EC class and were baptised, joining the body of believers in Life church.

iv. Personal Witnessing

- In a bid to encourage Lifers to engage in evangelism and Gospel witnessing, a card was introduced at the start of 2024 entitled, "10 things you can do for Christ this year".
- Gospel & 'seasonal' tracts are also available at the tract rack at the entrance to the sanctuary, for Lifers to pick up and use for their personal witnessing efforts.

2. Engagement

Engagement focuses on follow-up with individuals from the evangelistic outreach efforts, which include:

- i.* Welcoming
- ii.* Gospel Sunday
- iii.* Discipling / Follow-up
 - a.* Mailbox Bible Correspondence Course

- b. Exploring Christianity Follow up class
- c. Catechism Class

i. Welcoming

- The Session, especially the diaconate, has made more deliberate effort to reach out to the newcomers and young people in church
- Visitors are encouraged to leave their contact information through the online visitor's card so that they may be followed up by the Church Office & Office of Fellowship Administration (OFA).

ii. Gospel Sunday

- Gospel Sundays are organised on months with a 5th Sunday, so that the message for the day would be focused on the Gospel as it provides opportunities for Lifers to invite a family member, friend or visitor to church.
- The E-DD team provides counsellors for the Gospel Sundays and work with the Diaconate to engage visitors who may want to know more about the Gospel at the end of the worship service.

iii. Discipling / Follow-up

a) Mailbox Club Bible Correspondance Course (MBCC)

- A group of sisters provide the MBCC materials to both local and overseas contacts behind the scenes
- Enrolment into the MBCC in recent years have increased as the team proactively engaged the VBS team and the FEK to enrol them into the MBCC at these events.
- The MBCC, door-to-door and street evangelism sessions and requests received by Church Office and referrals by Lifers.
- MBCC materials have also been sent overseas to pastors & missionaries in several countries where these materials were translated for their Sunday School classes.
- In countries where the command of the English language is not strong, full sets of the MBCC materials have been given to the pastors & missionaries in the countries where they would translate these materials for their Sunday School classes.

b) Exploring Christianity Follow-up class

- The Exploring Christianity follow-up class continues with 2 ongoing classes every Sunday:
 - 8.30am – Adults Class (Rm 2-9)
 - 9.40am - Youths & Young Adults (Rm 2-10)
- The classes would normally be focused on reading through a book of the Bible such as the Gospel of John, so that seekers may continue to be instructed in the Word of God.
- Some found the class useful and continue with the class even after baptism or transfer of membership like a Sunday School class, due to the good rapport established over the weeks..

c) Catechism Class

- The catechism class prepares a seeker or believer from another church to seek baptism, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of membership.
- Thank God for some who have attended EC and taken the step of faith to be baptised, after coming to know the Lord.
- Many remain in Life Church and some have joined fellowship groups and stepped up to serve in various ministries of the church.

3. Equipping

Equipping focuses on enabling Lifers to engage in evangelistic efforts, which include:

i. Gospel tracts & publications

- Over the past couple of years, a dozen tracts were reprinted due to the high utilisation of 'fast-moving' tracts such as “福 Blessings”, as they are regularly distributed through the door-to-door sessions and other evangelistic efforts.
- Some tracts were translated into foreign languages, such as Bengali, for distribution to foreign migrant workers.
- A few years ago, a tract-writing competition was also organised to encourage Lifers to contribute to the repertoire of tracts available in church.

ii. Equipping

- Over the years, different workshops had been organised to equip Lifers to fulfil the Great Commission.
- These include the Good Soil Evangelism and Discipleship (GSED) workshops, Exploring Christianity and a session on street evangelism & how to share the Gospel was jointly conducted with the LTF and YF to prepare the young people to share the Gospel and join the Christmas street evangelism sessions.
- The Evangelism and Discipleship Conference (EDC) is to inspire and encourage Lifers to cultivate Life B-P Church as a 'good soil' for evangelism and discipleship efforts. This conference is organised once every 2 years, alternating with the Missions, so as to focus on both overseas and local outreach efforts.

Do pray that the Lord will continue to direct and guide our Gospel outreach efforts and that Lifers will have an outreach mindset, participating in the local outreach efforts through the facilitation of the E-DD.

All glory to God!

Eld Michael Ong

On behalf of the E-DD Committee

Testimony on the Door-to-Door Evangelism

By Bro Amos Hoon

Our church's Evangelistic Band (E-Band) was started by Rev Colin Wong. The evangelistic band was modelled after the evangelistic band of John Sung's revival. Overtime the E-Band group gradually realized the need for Bible-study and had grown into a fellowship group.

When I joined the E-Band Fellowship, the brethren had already started the door-to-door evangelism (D2DE) at Ang Mo Kio housing estate. Before that they had already completed D2DE at Toa Payoh housing estate.

After completing the Ang Mo Kio estate, we went over to Bishan and Rochor housing estates. Then we received a request to come up to Yishun to evangelize the parents of the children who attended the newly established Life Children Club situated above the KFC Yishun Avenue 5. These children came over from our various Student Care Centers in Yishun.

Immediately after Bishan and Rochor, we went up to Yishun housing estate on 15th February 2009 and started D2DE from Chong Pang village estate beginning at Block 101. We continued the D2DE at each Block in sequence and after 16 years, arrived at Block 478A (Yishun Street 44) on 8th June 2025.

Our brethren meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month to share the gospel to whosoever who were willing to listen. Who are these brethren? Where did you get them? How do you get them to go for the D2DE?

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth." (Psalms 121:1-2)

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matt 9:38)

Truly, truly God is so marvellous! Many are praying for us, and it is God who continues to send forth labourers into His harvest.

They were the students in the primary, secondary, tertiary, the YF, YAF, Ladies' fellowship and the Men's fellowship, the Chinese fellowship, the NBCs, the deacons, the elders, and the pastors. Yes, God always provides the labourers for His works. There were members of other churches who were attracted to our D2DE activities, also joined us regularly.

Let us go forth bring in the sheaves and work while it is day for when night comes, when no man can work (John 9:4). Amen.



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Other Pictures

i. Door-to-Door Sessions over the years





ii. Street Evangelism Sessions



