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“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch out your curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.” Isaiah 54:2 (NIV)

This was the charge given to Israel by our God. It was an encouragement for people over two thousand years ago. The same verse and chapter continues to be an encouragement to those pushing forward for The Kingdom.

In Manitoba, Inner City Women's Ministries International (ICWMI) staff are often asked why, after a few years of being Inner City Women's Ministries, we added “International”. One of the directors pointed to Isaiah 54 saying, if our God is in the mix, make your plans great!

We hope you enjoy the read.



HISTORY OF ICWMI'S INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

After praying into Isaiah 54:2, people from other countries started contacting us. At the Lord's nudge we also started connecting with Christ centered persons ICWMI staff knew personally. Thus we grew!

Our main international activity is praying for each other and for our God's will and glory to be seen in all activities.

Also of note, all monies raised within a particular region stays within that particular region. This model has worked very well so far. We give praise for our God's great generosity!



Africa

Africa is a big continent. ICWMI has a strong contact in Kenya; **Phanice Gweya**, **Phanice** and Co-Founder of ICWMI, **Shon McLaren**, were friends when **Shon** lived in Kenya. They have kept in touch ever since personally and through ICWMI. You may remember us mentioning **Phanice** in relation to volunteering at the Kisumu Children's Prison. Now a days, **Phanice** & team are organizing Bible Seminars in the Kuria Language for church leaders, sharing the Gospel in Tanzania and Uganda, Discouraging Female Genital Mutilations (FGM), Discouraging girl-child marriages and Encouraging girl-child schooling.

Prayers for Phanice? Spiritual protection & strength, that young Christ-centered hearts be convicted to help, well wishers to fund a current Bible project.(40-60 Bibles in the Kuria Language are needed for church leaders)



Historically, ICWMI had its roots in the Middle East through an import/export business. We brought in amazing work from marginalized women where all proceeds were sent back. The women were located in a sensitive Middle East country. We would like to resurrect this activity in the LORD'S timing.

Currently, some of the Board members pray daily for Christ – centered ministries in Israel through the First Century Foundations Canada (FCFC) prayer bulletins. We encourage all prayer warriors to connect with FCFC. Their prayer bulletins will be mailed upon request. (Prayer requests are not on line due to security)

Prayer for the Middle East? Strength, provision, encouragement for all Christ-centered ministries and their staff. Open hearts for women and their families towards the Gospel.



India

India, like Africa, is quite vast in land and cultures. Joy and Mushtaq (surnames withheld for security reasons) are ICWMI's affiliates in India. Joy lives in Eastern India, Mushtaq lives in the 'disputed territories' in the North.

For many years, Joy has worked with widows and their children. Mushtaq upon request, has distributed Steps to Peace with God. Many have found peace in accepting the invitation found in Steps to Peace with God.

Prayer for Joy? Continued good health and provision for Joy and her family. Support in ministry work.



Jamaica

Jamaica starts with a 'J' and so does **Jannel**. **Jannel** is on our Board of Directors and has strong ties to her home country. **Jannel** has a personal ministry to Jamaica through a family, the **Watts** and their church. Barrels of 'in-kind' needed items such as school supplies and food are sent up to 3 times per year. Counter Human Trafficking Education as well as sponsored school children are just a few of the areas ICWMI staff and board members pray up on a continual basis.

Prayer for **Jannel and Pastor **Watts** Family?** Good health, protection, provision and continued favour at customs. God's will and glory always.

Canadian Update

Manitoba Christmas Card Program

YES! It is not too early to send blank Christmas Cards . Last year we had enough to send to other prisons across the prairies. The cards are a



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the moms in prison. It allows them to send cards to their children.

Other cards (with envelopes) are welcome throughout the year.

Enlarge the Place of Your Tent

ICWMI Manitoba is asking for prayer as they extend to an area in need close to the Manitoba/Ontario Border. Please pray for continued unity with net working partners and our God's hand in the details.



Prayer Alerts

February 22, 2026 - National Human Trafficking Awareness Day (Canada)

March 19, 2026 - Manitoba Human Trafficking Awareness Day

July 30, 2026 - World Day Against Trafficking (in Persons)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22-23 ESV

Feeling called to ministry with Inner City Women's Ministries International?

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You're Invited!

The ministry's board of directors invites you to join a prayer call on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 AM, united in faith and purpose. If you are interested in participating and would like to join us, please contact us.

[Request to Join](#)

All glory to our God. ICWMI does not solicit for funds. Those who feel led to support may [contact us](#) or send a cheque. All finances stay within the country in which they are donated.



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