

# Annual Report 2020



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“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:16-26

As I sit down to write this and reflect on 2020, I can't help but think about our immediate circumstances and how Covid19 has changed everything. In a year that has been full of disruption and difficulty for all, here at Inner City Ministry we have continued to see God work despite the challenges we have faced. We hope that you will also get a glimpse of God's goodness through the sharing on these pages. It is unclear as to how long this pandemic will last but I know that we will do it together as a family. Though these are trying times, our current path continues to be solid and we pray it will be for many years to come. I would like to express my gratitude to my fellow staff, board members and volunteers. Their willingness to serve, be prepared and contribute made for effective and meaningful mission. At times much work had to be done in a short amount of time but the entire team embraced every situation and we were able to help so many in the community.

I would also like to thank YOU - all the supporting churches and individuals. There is no doubt that ICM belongs to God and all we do is by His will. He has specifically picked you to be part of that and it is no accident that you are partnering with us to carry out His plan. Thanks to each and every one of you for your countless love for this community. Please continue to support us because we are stronger together than on our own.

*Emmanuel Lepcha*

Executive Director

Inner City Ministries

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## DISCIPLE WHO MAKES DISCIPLES

Jaimashi,

I am Rai Indra Kala Devi. First of all, I would like to thank Jesus Christ, the Lord our God. I want to thank the Inner City Ministry (ICM). Through this ministry, many people are getting practical, spiritual and physical help in their time of needs. I am one of them.

I was born and raised in Nepal. In 1997, I moved to Hong Kong with my husband, daughter, and son in law. My late husband was a Gorkha soldier. Before we heard about Christ, my family and I practiced Hinduism and traditional Rai's belief.

In 2000, I got sick and was diagnosed with a brain tumor. My family was not fluent in speaking and understanding English. At the same time my daughter had just given birth to her son and was physically weak therefore could not accompany me to the various wards around the hospital. I needed an interpreter to help me through my treatments. By God's grace, I found Caroline through some friends. She was already working with ICM at that time. She interpreted the conversations between the doctors and me. During my treatments, Caroline would share the good news of Christ with me and my husband. Hearing about Christ gave me peace and joy in my heart and I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour.

I almost lost my vision because of the brain tumor but God healed me physically through the treatments. God did not just heal me, He made me better than before. Our gracious God returned my physical vision and gave me spiritual and educational eyes to read His precious living Word.

When I accepted Jesus, Caroline gave me a Bible to read. I looked at her and told her I wished to read it but I don't know how to read. She encouraged me that nothing is impossible with God, believe in Him and ask for Him to enable you to read His Word. After hearing this, I was filled with hope that I would be able to read and prayed about it, Caroline prayed for me as well. After my treatment, I got better day by day and my vision started to improve. Before I was discharged, I decided to grab the Bible. When I opened it, I found that I could read the words on the page! I was amazed at this miracle God had performed in me.



It made my faith grow more and more. I was excited and invited Caroline to come to my home and teach me more about the Bible.

Caroline is a very devoted sister in the Lord. She is very diligent and persistent in serving the Lord and bringing people to God. She followed up with me and continued giving me fellowship. Later on my husband, daughter and son in law also accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Slowly we started opening the door for our relatives and friends to hear the good news of Christ. This grew to become a regular fellowship time that met in our home. Through this home fellowship, many people came to know Christ and accepted Jesus as their Saviour and started attending different Churches in the community.



Back in Nepal, my family also heard the good news and became followers of Christ with the help of sister Caroline in 2002. From that time on, whenever she has time, she visits with them to encourages them in their walks with God. By God's great plan, my family planted a church in my home town in 2016. Through the church many more people in the village heard the good news of Christ and became Christians.

I sincerely thank God for His miraculous work in my life and thank my lovely sister Caroline for her dedicated hard work with love. Now my children and grandchildren are all serving God wherever they are around the world.

In May of last year, my husband was diagnosed with lung cancer. Unfortunately, he passed away in November 2020. While he was sick up until we took his body back to Nepal, sister Caroline and my son in law helped me with everything. While in Nepal, she still grabbed every opportunity to encourage my family and church and sharing the word of God with others too. She is an amazing sister in Christ. I thank God for her life. And I also thank Inner City Ministry (ICM), to release Sister Caroline to travel to Nepal with me and for the constant prayers and love.



As Jesus said, you are the light of the world..... Let your good deeds shine out for all to see so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:14-16.

Thank you to sister Caroline (ICM Staff)

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS DURING COVID-19

COVID-19 has surprised every living creature in this world, everything has been impacted. Projects have been cancelled or delayed. Many workplaces have shifted to working from home and schools have moved online. The physical world seems to have come to a halt because of the novel coronavirus.

Inner City Ministries has joined many others in continuing our programs online and via video calls with our community members. During this time, we were still able to provide material assistance, counselling and outreach programs to many.



## HOPE IN THE TIME OF FEAR

- Over 1000 people have heard the Gospel.
- Over 60 people accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour.
- Food Voucher Program: Over 150 Families have received Wellcome/Parkn Shop vouchers. These provide a family with groceries for 15-20 days. We have given out over \$150K worth of vouchers to families in need.
- Around 130 students have received electronic devices (tablet/laptop) and data sim cards to support their online learning.
- Over 5000 meals served amongst the street cleaners, those living under flyovers (down town) and community members.
- Over 160 families have received food packages (rice, cooking oil, cup noodles, biscuits, can food etc.) clothing, blankets and house hold appliances.
- Over 100,000 facemasks and 50,000 bottles of hand sanitizers have been distributed
- Around 200 people received aid with various needs, ie. hospital visits, immigration, social welfare department, housing, prison visit, bank, job referrals, legal aid, other government offices etc.
- 50 homes have received disinfection spray to protect from the COVID infections.
- Diapers and milk powder have been distributed to support families with new born babies.
- Over 300 gift boxes including card games have been distributed amongst the kids.



## Youth Ministry Report 2020

This year our youth ministry faced lots of challenges and changes. Due to the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic we had to make many changes to all the plans we had for worship, fellowship and connecting with our youth. Despite all the challenges, God is at work and has been faithful to us.

Up until March of 2020, we gathered weekly on Fridays for our youth fellowship but this was soon disrupted due to government social restriction policies. Thankfully, we found new ways to engage our young people online. During this time when we could only gather in twos or fours at the most, God called us to meet with some of our young people one-to-one. We started working with them individually on the many things they were going through spiritually, mentally and emotionally.

Due to the continued social restrictions, this year Kingdom Warriors and Mini DTS (discipleship training camp) became an online event comprised of weekly sessions over seven weeks. The purpose of these two camps was to help our young people grow closer in their relationship with God and each other as well as to equip them with other life skills and tools to continue walking with the Lord.

For 2021, we have prepared an exciting monthly curriculum for our weekly meetings. We also pray and hope that the pandemic improves so we can do some outdoor activities for team building and relationship building among the young people. We will also continue with our one-to-one ministry to disciple them in their walk with Christ.



## Mens Ministry Report 2020

The purpose of our Men's Ministry is to build a strong trusting relationship through social activities and to impart the love of Jesus which will overflow into the rest of their family.

This year we had three new men who join us and have continued to join our program.

The pandemic has affected the livelihoods of many in our community. Many of the men found themselves unemployed but we were able to help them and their families through our Food Voucher Scheme. Through this we nourished them physically as well as spiritually.

This past year we also partnered with Smoking Cessation Program which provided free health talks and medication to our men who are trying to quit smoking. They also provide follow-up to check on the participant's progress.



The men not only received assistance but also learned to give back to the community by helping us with cooking, packing and distributing food during our street outreaches.

In September, we started an online meeting every Saturday to worship, pray, share and encourage one another. Since we have not been able to have in-person for social activities, this has helped us to stay connected and engaged with each other. We have started to study the Gospel of Mark.

This year, we are praying and seeking God's will and guidance. If things get better then we are hoping to visit the families of our men's group for prayer and fellowship.

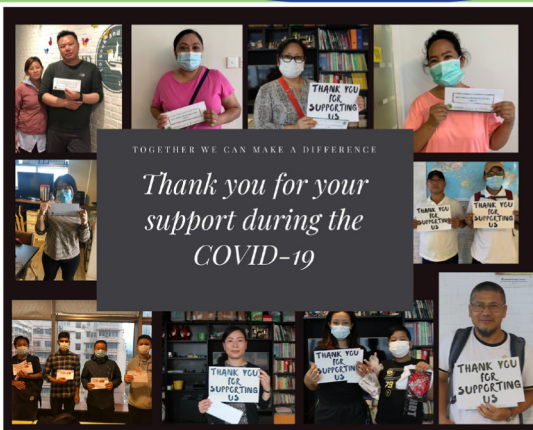


## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Virtual English course for our moms. This program is to engage and equip our moms with better communication skills for their everyday life.
- Cantonese classes for both kids and parents.
- Hockey lessons for teens and youth in partnership with Elite sports club.
- Parenting classes – This program is to encourage and equip our parents who are going through hard times due to the pandemic.
- Basic photo and video editing training program for our teens and youth who have an interest in this area.

## ONGOING PROGRAM

- Monthly meal distribution and outreach program to street cleaners and drug addicts.
- Food vouchers for unemployed and low-income families.
- Virtual Kid's club every Saturday.
- Cantonese lesson with Cantogather.
- Virtual Youth and Teen Fellowship every Friday.
- Sewing workshop for beginner and advance level.
- Moms in prayer every Friday afternoon.
- Bible study every Friday morning.
- One on one counselling program to provide and support those who are going through life's struggles, addictions and depression.



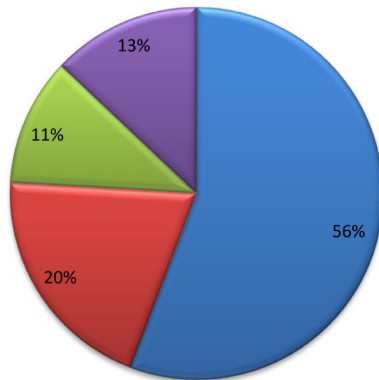
## GOVERNANCE

We had a huge change in our Governance body. Three of our beloved board members (Mr. Roger Lam, Mr. Chris Chan and Mr. Mike Shum) have stepped down after many years of service with us. We really appreciate their heart and contributions to Inner City Ministry. Serving on the board is one of the toughest unpaid roles, and they have performed their role with dedication and tenacity. We have recently welcomed two new board members, and we pray that this change will lead us into a new season of our ministry.



## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

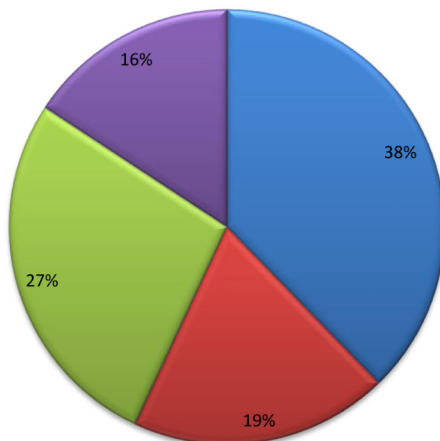
### Inner City Ministries Income - 2020



**TOTAL DONATION**  
HKD 2,763,229

- Churches committed
- Other regular individual
- Other church income
- Other one off donations

### Inner City Ministries 2020 Expenditure by Ministry



**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**  
HKD 2,224,866

- Family & Women's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Childrens Ministry
- Admin and Governance

## OUR PARTNERS (ACKNOWLEDGEMENT)

First and foremost, praises and thanks to the God, the Almighty, for His showers of blessings throughout the year 2020. And I would like to express my deep and sincere gratitude to all our prayer partners, volunteers, supporters, churches and individuals. It was a great privilege and honor to work under your support and guidance. I am extending my heartfelt thanks to our board members for their love, prayers and sacrifices during the time of crisis. God bless you all and we are looking forward to the continuation of this work together.

Alliance International Church  
 American International School  
 Barefoot Love  
 Boxes of Hope  
 Cantogather  
 Clearwater Bay Baptist Church  
 Christian Alliance International School  
 Community Church Hong Kong  
 Cornerstone HK  
 Destiny Church Hong Kong  
 Dr. Leo L Chan - The Children's Clinic  
 Good Ideas Catering  
 Harmony Baptist Church  
 Int. Fellowship of Christian Short Team Missions  
 Island Evangelical Community Church  
 Kei To Church ( Jordan Road )  
 Kowloon International Baptist Church  
 Lions Club  
 Medical staff at Mei Foo Clinic  
 Resurrection Church  
 Royal Victory Church International  
 Roche Diagnostics Hong Kong Limited  
 St. Andrew's Church  
 The LOG International  
 The Vine Church  
 Union Church  
 Watermark Community Church  
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