

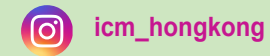


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Annual Report 2021



INNER CITY MINISTRIES





Dear Friends,

This has been another remarkable year for Inner City Ministry. God is faithful to our ministry and has blessed us with fruits and growth during a year of continuing challenges. He empowers us to further our mission and vision by reaching people with resources, running programs, sharing the Gospel, and to build one another up in community. Within these pages, you'll read about some of the ways Inner City Ministry have carried on with our community and across the city.

Each year, we gather stories of people who have experienced life transformation and are living out their calling to serve the community. For every story we share, we know there are dozens more that are just as powerful. As you read them, I pray you'll be encouraged and it will bring you a great blessing.

Going into the Covid situation this past year, we faced many uncertainties and questions. How would the pandemic impact our work? How would ICM's finances be affected? How would we keep reaching people and showing God's love to our community? How can we maintain a healthy relationship with our families? I have often said that the pandemic did not create problems but showed us new and better ways to reach the unreached in our community. Our staff and volunteer team rolled up their sleeves and went out into the community to minimize the effects of the pandemic. From all that I have witnessed this past year, I am convinced that ICM has become stronger and more



creative than before. All this would not have been possible without your fervent prayer, love and support. On behalf of our board and staff thank you for supporting us during these times. I thank God for the thousands of you who support Inner City Ministry through your prayer, time, talent and treasure.

God Bless You

Emmanuel Lepcha

Executive Director

Inner City Ministries Ltd


22
People Accepted Jesus



Distributed over
200,000
surgery masks
to our
community



28
DAYS
of
Teaching
and
Counselling
to brothers in various
Addictions



OVER
300
people
received
MEDICAL
HELP



OVER
200
kids
received
gift
boxes



over
120
hours of
counselling
by
professional
counsellor
and
psychotherapist

OVER
500
people heard the
GOSPEL



OVER
300
isolated families have
received
FOOD packages
and medical supplies

OVER
200
people
received
DENTAL
treatment



OVER
HKD
150,000
Supermarket VOUCHERS

have been distributed to support unemployed and single moms

OVER
120
hours
of assistance with
medical and social
SERVICES



OVER
1000
COOKED MEALS
TO STREET CLEANERS and DRUG ADDICTS



60
sessions of CANTONESE
classes for kids / adults



40
SEWING
WORKSHOP for ladies



Family Outreach

Rejoice with us
Great harvesting in the midst of Pandemic.



“Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from Heaven above with wisdom, power and love, Our God is an awesome God.” God reminded me of this song I used to teach the children when their parents dropped them off at our center in Chung King Mansions a long time ago. Everyone knows that Chung King Mansions was famous for drugs, prostitution, gambling, and cheap guesthouses for backpackers. Yet this place was also where some of our community had made their home with their families at that time. In the midst of all the vices around them, they found ICM, a safe place for their family. Below is the story of once such lady who started her journey of faith in Chung King Mansions.



Her name is Maya (Sushila) Gurung and she invites us to rejoice with her. She is overjoyed to know God through ICM. She shared that though she had everything back in Nepal and she ran a car business, she never had peace. So, she decided to come to Hong Kong with her friends and stayed with them in Chung King Mansions. In Chung King mansions she ran a gambling den, selling alcohol, etc. for a living. Once she had an immense headache and a group of sisters from ICM came to visit her prayed for her and she was completely healed. Slowly she started to believe in the Lord and accepted Jesus as her personal Savior and got baptized at Calvary Church. After accepting Christ she had a great desire to read the Bible but was worried as she never went to school. Her fervent faith in the Lord opened opportunities for her and she has been able to obtain a Bachelor degree in theology and a master's degree in divinity through an online Bible school. (Psalm 37:4. delight yourself in the Lord, He will give the desire of your heard) She shared the Gospel with her children and relatives and some of them are serving at a Church in Nepal. One day one of her sons got sick and was admitted to ICU at the hospital. He had been in coma for 16 days and was not responsive to any of the treatments from the doctors, so the hospital called the family to come and pay their last respects. We all prayed for him and Maya prayed God's will be done in his life. The next day doctor called and said he has started to become. After a few more days, he was discharged. Her son said he faced death and he felt very afraid. Now he has accepted the Lord and was baptized with Aradhana Nepali Church. Maya (Sushila) continues her journey by serving in the Church as a deaconess. She is thankful to ICM as we continually minister to her and she often attends our prayer fellowship. It is our privilege to continually follow up and minister, guide them in their new faith. Just as Paul said: 1Corinthians 3:9, someone plants, someone waters, and God made it grow, we are laborers in Christ Jesus.

ICM will keep sowing the seed and harvest is in God's hands.

Ecclesiastes 11:6. Praise God.

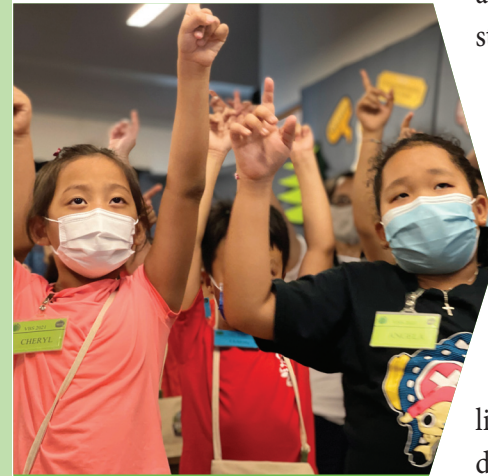
Kid's and Teen Ministry

Doing anything with social distancing restrictions in place is a challenge. This is especially true when that it comes to doing things with teenagers and kids. ICM faced this challenge but through it all, we could see how God has been faithful. Though the uncertainties are still there, we can continue to hope in the Lord and trust in his promises.

Let me share from my experience, the biggest blessing of God came through an increase in the numbers of teenagers. On Friday nights ICM is packed with young people and they genuinely want to know more about Jesus. Specifically, we currently have 22 teenagers who come consistently to Friday fellowship. One of our teens asked me about fasting and how this can help her get closer to God. It's encouraging to see that despite coming from a Hindu family background she longs to do it and take another step to connect with God.

During the summertime one of the highlights was the Summer Program Kingdom warriors. In short, it's a one week residential program where 15 teens aged 13 years to 18 years come and spend time to learn more about who Jesus is. They also learn about the identity they have in Christ as well as unity, teamwork, learning to adapt to a new environment. This all helps them to develop their character and helps them to accept themselves.

The unexpected challenges unlocked the door of possibility for more effective and creative ministry growth and discipleship. Working with children is exceptionally hands-on and engaging, and when things could not run in person anymore, we had to discover creative ways to stay engaged and connected.



Going one to one with the kid and the parent was somewhat of a new approach but that seems to work out well. Romans 8:28 is what I am reminded of - "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Due to the restriction, we had to limit the kids' attendance to just 30 kids while doing face to face, but doing it online helps us include all the kids. Somebody donated milk

powder for infants and after reaching out to the community we were introduced to the new families and that opened another opportunity for us to reach out to them. Slowly but surely, I can see the work being done.

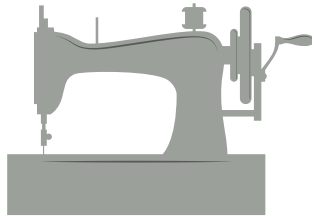


“
Testimony
of a
9 years old
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Hi, I'm Naam Hang Limbu in P4 and I'm 9 years old. To be honest, I don't remember when I exactly came to ICM and joined the kids club. I must have been very young then, but I do remember loving it very much even in my early childhood. I miss and love everything I found through ICM and the kids club. From the wonderful teachers to my friends and many many fun memories that I got to make. The kids club has been such a wonderful experience in my life and because of it, I got to meet new friends, as it was always a challenge for me to make new friends. Playing games, singing, dancing in worship songs and hearing wonderful acts and stories of Jesus allowed me to know more about who He is. And He taught us to be kind and show mercy to all people. Thank you.



Sewing Ministry



MY JOURNEY WITH INNER CITY MINISTRIES



I started working in ICM as a full time staff in January 2021. However, I've been a part of this family since 2015 when I was introduced by one of the staff from ICM. I have joined sewing classes not knowing that this decision will bring huge blessings to my life and in my family. At that time my husband was a drug addict and our family life was not very promising. But looking at me and my family now is something which I've ever expected in my life. This is all because of the constant support, counselling and prayer from the ICM staff. In 2016 we accepted Jesus as our Saviour, in 2018 we got baptized and in 2019 we decided to have blessing in our married life. Right after that I've decided to serve God and His people through ICM.

Last year I was in touch with a lady from our community. Her husband was stuck in Nepal since January 2021 and he was the only bread winner in the family. This separation of family has brought a disastrous financial situation. As a result, they became the victims of mental illness. With the help of our supporters and donors, we were able to help this family with rental assistance and professional counselling. After constant prayer, counselling and fellowship, the family has overcome the challenges and became a part of our program. Her son is continuously attending our teen's fellowship and she became a part of our sewing and moms in prayer ministry. There are many more stories of victory like this and many more to come. Your fervent prayer and support can make a big difference.

We started 2021 with a great list of goals and plans to meet, and many things to look forward to. Though the pandemic was still on, for the first 3 to 4 months large group gatherings became small group oriented and through zoom meetings we were able to remain connected and engaged with our youths. In the midst of hindrances and obstacles, we experienced God's Spirit resting upon us, leading and guiding us, as we continued in humility and courage.

This past year by the grace of God we were able to host our mini dts (a week discipleship training program) where we had 16 participants who joined us. During this time, we saw an amazing transforming work of God in the life of our young adults. There were many who had deep heart issues, hurt and broken inside but as days went on God's powerful presence brought freedom and healing into their lives.

After mini dts some of our young adults continued to help us volunteer with kingdom warriors (A week residential program for teens) and VBS (vacation bible school).

In collaboration with the Zubin Foundation we hosted a workshop called **"EMOTIONAL WELLBEING"** for our young adults. The workshop was to help identify our thoughts that trigger negative emotions and find ways to counter them.

We've got few opportunities to meet face to face fellowship. We continued our teaching series such as **SPIRITUAL PRACTICES**, **RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS** and **BUILDING CHARACTER** all discussion based so as to grow together in a loving relationship with Jesus.

We thank God for His provision and favor because this year we were able to engage and equip more young leaders and also build our relationship with them.

This past year God also gave us an opportunity to reach out to school students. We visited Bethel High School and, CCC Kwei Wah Shan College where we were able to share the Gospel to more than 600 students. We met two brothers in the school who are now attending our young adult fellowship.



Mini DTS



Kingdom Warriors

Youth Adult Ministry



CCC Kwei Wah Shan College



The purpose of 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.



My name is Giri Pun.



For many, the Pandemic was a disaster and bad luck. But for me I met Jesus when COVID happened. Back then I was a heavy drinker, struggling with alcoholism and addicted to card games. My daily routine used to be work and alcohol, no time for family and I was always in anger. However my wife became Christian when she regularly attended moms in prayer fellowship in ICM. It was the prayer of my wife that changed my life completely and I gave up the bad habits. I felt peace and I realized that Jesus is real and then I gave my life to Jesus.

While spending time with the brothers in ICM i felt so much joy and enjoyed spending time with them sharing and encouraging each other. It really helped me grow my faith in Christ and my relationship became stronger too.

Men's Ministry

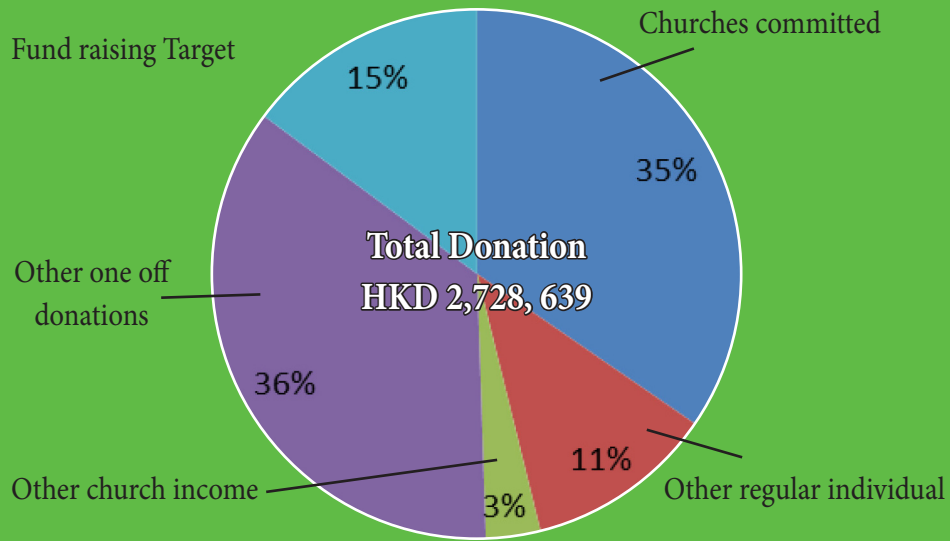


The pandemic caused great disruption and separation in 2020 but we kept in touch with each other through ZOOM meetings, messaging and phone calls. In the month of May we began meeting again in person, as things were opening back up after COVID-19 has been a real challenge for us but something has occurred this year that has been very positive which was our monthly men's dinner night. Twice a month, on Saturdays, we gather for dinner together and to spend time sharing God's word and hear each other's stories of struggles and overcoming those struggles.

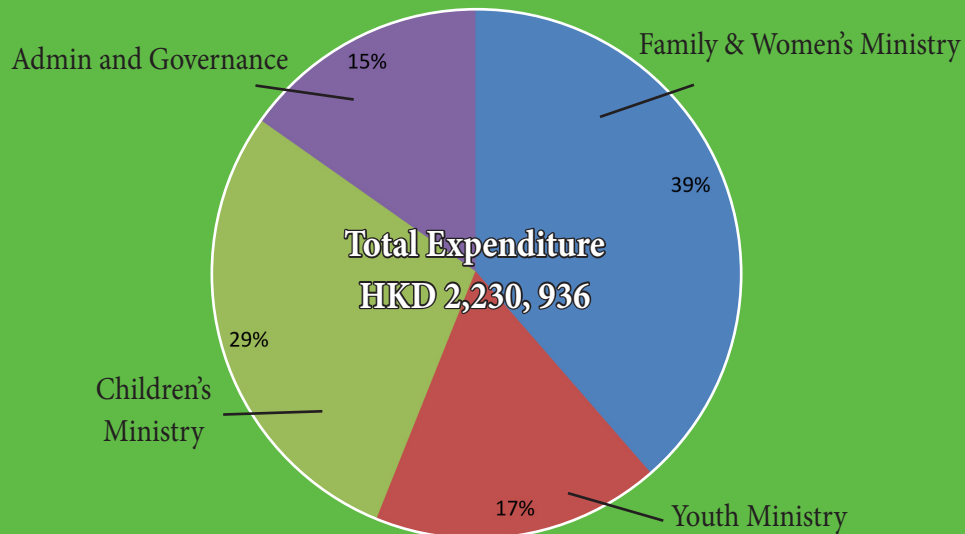
Our Men seemed very excited to meet up and God continued to place gospel opportunities into our lives. This year we had 4 new members join us and they have been regularly attending our meetings. We are hoping to move forward in our men's ministry more effectively in 2022.

Financial Highlights

Inner City Ministries, Total Income - 2021



Inner City Ministries 2021 Expenditure by Ministry



Our Current Programs



- Almost half of Hong Kong's population has been infected with Covid-19 during the fifth and worst wave of outbreak, which has brought a nightmare to many vulnerable and underprivileged communities. It was hard to avoid the infection while living in a compact houses. Many of our community members have suffered financially, mentally and emotionally. ICM has provided food packages and medical supplies to self-isolate families in their doorsteps. Besides, we are providing rental assistance to an unemployed families and single moms.
- Online fellowship programs for kids, Teen, Youth, and Brothers in rehab center, Moms and Men.

Alliance International Church
 Aloes Tree Ltd
 Boxes of Hope
 Cantogather
 Clearwater Bay Baptist Church
 Christian Action
 Christian Alliance International School
 Community Church Hong Kong
 Cornerstone HK
 Dr. Kai Yum Cheung Mission Foundation
 Dr. Leo L Chan - The Children's Clinic
 Evangelical Free Church of China International Church
 Favor Motor
 Good Ideas Catering
 Harmony Baptist Church
 Hearty Dental Care Centre - Dr. Siling Pang
 Hope of the City
 Harvest Mission Community Church
 Int. Fellowship of Christian Short Team Missions
 Island Evangelical Community Church
 Jubilee Ministry
 Kei Too Church (Jordan Road)
 Kowloon International Baptist Church
 Medical staff at Mei Foo Clinic
 Pentecostal Church of HK (Tai Po) Church
 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
 Youth with a Mission

I WANT TO SAY
Thank you
 FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Acknowledgement and Our Partners

On behalf of Inner City Ministries, we would like to express our gratitude towards all our well-wishers, supporters and prayer partners. None of the things we do in this community would be possible without the cooperation and support of you all. Thank you for being a part of the journey.

We hope that you will continue to stand by our side in His great mission **“TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST”**.



St Andrew's Church

