



Winter ministry report 2021



As we wrap up the year 2021, I would like to take this moment to look back at everything we were able to accomplish. As we reflect, we must thank our almighty Lord Jesus and also acknowledge all our supporters and prayer partners who have been the back bone of this ministry. In the midst of all the hardships and uncertainties, Inner City Ministry was able to unveil the goodness and greatness of our Lord. In a time that has been a challenge for so many, we have seen abundance through the wonderful provision of our Lord. He has been good to us in every aspect and through His goodness we have had a large increase of kids, young adults, men and women in our ministry.

As the pandemic continues, the ministry and mission of ICM have also continued, so our staff and volunteers did not stop our work of raising and equipping the community. Though I am sure many new updates await us in 2022, we must pause for a moment and count the Lord's blessings to us in 2021.

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:40

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We can't thank you enough for all of your support this year. We wouldn't have had such an amazing 2021 without all of your support, prayers and love. On behalf of Board of directors and entire ICM team, we want to wish you a happy, healthy, and blessed new year!

SEASON OF GIVING AND SERVING

Christmas is a season that means different things to different people. For some people, Christmas is a time for celebrations with friends and family, others see Christmas as an opportunity to travel and explore new places, while others still may consider Christmas to be a reminder of all that they do not have. As for Inner City Ministry, we consider the Christmas to be an opportunity to share the love and joy of our Lord Jesus. At Christmas we are not just celebrating the birth of Jesus but we are using this season to explain to people the meaning of His birth. After a long gap this year we were able to celebrate Christmas with our community. Around 80 families from the community were able to join our Christmas outreach program held at St. Andrew's church. We used this time to share a gospel drama, carol songs and some cultural dances by our staff, kids and community members. Many have heard the Gospel and over 100 kids received Christmas gifts donated by Box of Hope.



On 21st of December we invited our teens and young adults to celebrate Christmas together with our neighbour, Kai to Church. It was fun-filled night with games, activities, food and a Christmas message.



11 DECEMBER 2021

LOVING THE CITY

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Food distribution program is one of the best ways to connect and build relationship with our street cleaners here in the Yau Ma Tei and Jordan area. We were delighted to partner again with Watermark Community Church's Loving the City outreach program. Our community members along with Watermark church members were able to share the joy of Christmas through food and gifts. Over the past two years ICM has been able to build a trusting and close relationship with them. Many of them have accepted Jesus and some have even joined our Mum's in Prayer fellowship every Friday afternoon.



FELLOWSHIP WITH BROTHERS IN DOWNTOWN AND OPERATION DAWN ISLAND

"Love your neighbor as you love yourself" Matthew 22:39.

There are hundreds of people living under the flyovers, also lovingly nicknamed Downtown by our community. They are either struggling with various drugs or other social issues. We consider this to be a vital issue in our society so ICM makes it a priority to always go help and build relationships with our brothers and sisters living in Downtown and in OPD (Christian Rehabilitation center). We have witnessed many brothers and sisters turn away from drugs and start a new life.



SEWING MINISTRY

This winter we had 19 ladies successfully graduate from our sewing program. We held a graduation celebration along with a Christmas party for our Mums in prayer fellowship in ICM on the 9th of December.



Hi everyone,
My name is Anupama. First of all, I would like to thank the whole ICM family for giving us this opportunity to learn new skills. After completing one year sewing classes, I am now able to sew some clothes by myself. I especially want to thank them for taking care of my kids during the classes so that I can fully engage myself in the sewing. Now my kids have also joined the Saturday Kid's club and they were so happy to receive all the Christmas gifts. I hope there will be more opportunity in coming future to join different programs in ICM. Thank you once again.

CANTONESE CLASS

The new season of Cantonese class has already started and 18 kids are signed up for the 2021-2022 cohort. We consider this program very successful since our kids are learning not just some survival Cantonese but basic reading and writing methods. This will be a tremendous help for them in their future academic pursuits.





FIELD HOCKEY TRAINING PROGRAM

In partnership with Elite Sports Club, another 11 kids from our community have completed their 2 months field hockey training program. The program aims to engage our kids in learning new skills, building them up as team players and nurturing their mental and physical growth.

KID'S CLUB

This fall, after a long time, we were able to resume our regular face to face Kid's club in ICM. In alignment with the present COVID-19 protocols, kids need to register weekly via an online registration form. It is on a first-come-first-serve basis and is usually full at 35-40 kids every Saturday.

REACHING OUT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



This year we have started student outreaches due to requests from some local high schools to reach their ethnic minority students. The main purpose of this time together is to share the love of God through the Gospel message, dance and dramas. Recently we have worked with Bethel high school in Fairview Park and CCC Kwei Wah Shan College. Over 400 students have heard the gospel. Bethel High School wishes to continue this partnership with ICM in the coming year.



FREE ORAL CHECK-UP AND TREATMENT

Oral diseases are often more serious than other health conditions. Many of our community members are struggling with cavities and toothaches. With the help of Dentice, a group of dental students with a heart to serve and under the supervision of certified dentists, we ran a "Free Oral Check-up and Treatment" workshop. Over 115 people participated to receive free dental consultations and treatments. Some of the more serious cases were referred to the dental hospitals to receive the proper treatments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our regular Saturday kid's club will resume once we will receive the Government's further notice.
- Due to the growing number of our teens we have been moved our teen fellowship from Friday night to Saturday night 6 pm – 8 pm.
- Men's fellowship once every month.
- Food distribution program to street cleaners and down town (Drug addicts) once every month.
- Cantonese class for adults starting from the last week of January.
- Cantonese class for kids will resume from February 2022.
- First Aid training for our parents in January 2022.
- New batch of sewing ladies have already registered. Our sewing workshop will start from January 2022.

PRAYER POINTS

- During our Christmas outreach program over 200 families have heard the gospel. Pray for the protection over their hearts so that the seeds sown in their hearts will grow.
- Growing number of drug users and those with mental health issues have been a great challenge for the community. Please pray that God will guide us with wisdom to help this vulnerable group.
- Good health for the staff. Many of our staff has major health issues.
- Pray for the growing number of teens. May God will provide a mission hearted person to look after our ministry to the teens. Pray that God will provide resources and finances for this new staff member.
- Pray for the men's ministry to grow and make more disciples to bring more male members of the family. Currently we have 15-20 Men coming to our regular fellowship.
- Pray for the new believers and families who recently got baptized. Pray for their protection as many may come under persecution from their families for this decision.
- Pray for the 2022, May God will lead us into new strategies and plans to reach out many in the community.