

SUMMER MINISTRY REPORT, ICM



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people.

Galatians 6:9-10

A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK

After the government's relaxation on some Covid restrictions, we the Inner City Ministry grabbed all the opportunity to serve and love our community. This past year presented us all with so many questions and challenges. Yet, despite this, we were still able to see the incredible work that God is doing through our staff and volunteers. Due to the pandemic, many of our community members were going through the financial crisis which led them in to depression and frustration. At the top of this entire crisis we can see this constant spiritual poverty within the community which can only be resolve by the power of gospel. At the beginning of this year God has spoken us through the word to be generous regardless of cast and creed. Looking at the present need of our community we have been providing not just the food and voucher but also the professional counselling, medical support and spiritual food. As a result many people heard and accepted Jesus in their life as their savior. We are joined together by one common goal: to see the good news of the glory of God spread to every single life of our community. In response to the God's given vision and mission, we were able to carry on empowering our young adults and teens group by providing educational workshop and vocational training program. As a result many of our young people from the community step up to help our summer program.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

After a long wait, this year we were able to run our four weeks of summer program. Focusing on different age group, our main purpose was to engage our kids, teen and young adults to know about their true identity in Christ.

MINI DTS and KINGDOM WARRIORS

Mini Discipleship Training School (Mini DTS) and Kingdom Warriors seeks to bring our teen and young adults closer to God. It is a two weeks residential discipleship program keeping ourselves away from the craziness of this city. During these times we can grow a deeper relationship with God through prayer, worship, and studying the Bible.



It also helps our teen and young adults to build relationship with each other through different fun activities and games. At the same time they will learn the moral values through different kinds of household work. We have 16 young adults and 16 teens joined this year. Many of them have encountered Jesus during the camp.

TESTIMONIES

My name is Pun Magar William, and this is a testimony about how my life have changed after joining Kingdom Warriors.

In the beginning I felt as if my life was not in my control and that made me worry a lot about my future and what I will be like. I would over think a lot and that made me very depressed because I felt like I had no purpose and no one likes me. Because of all my thinking I gave up hope and decided to just stay at home a lot and shut myself from the world. One day one of the staff from ICM told me about Kingdom Warriors and I thought "oh this is going to be boring maybe I shouldn't go". In the end I decided to go and it was the right decision, because I got to meet a lot of new people and make many friends. I slowly started gaining confidence in myself by believing in God and was encouraged through others' testimonies about God in their lives. At Kingdom Warriors I learned about quiet time, where I take 10 minutes of my time to talk to God through reading the Bible and prayer. This has helped me a lot and through these this practice I have gained more confidence and stopped worrying about what will happen and just live in the moment. I was even able to volunteer at ICM with the VBS program for two weeks. This further helped me build up my confidence and has given me a bit of purpose knowing there are kids, whom I can help. I believe I can inspire them to be better so they do not end up being sad like I was.



Hi, My name is Sovana

I was raised in a Christian home but only considered myself a Christian as that is what I had been taught to do. I had never encountered Jesus and therefore never understood what it truly meant to be a follower of Christ. During mini DTS one of the teachers taught us about how Jesus "will leave the ninety nine on the hills to follow the one wandered sheep." This lesson really touched me and taught me that no matter how far I have strayed from God He will come back for me, I just need to have faith in Him. Though it was a short time at mini DTS, I really felt healing, growth and transformation in myself. It was also amazing to meet people so much younger than myself with such great knowledge of God and the Bible. Before I went to mini DTS I felt like I was completely lost and alone but now I am surrounded many supportive new friends. I am so grateful for this opportunity and I pray that others who were like me will also find salvation in Christ like I have done.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: With the help of our supporters and professional Doctors, we were able to provide some medical help to the vulnerable and low income families. Over ten people received Dental care service for free. Even some of them have very serious cavity and needed to go through minor surgery. But with great generosity of our doctors from various churches, our community members received consultation and treatment for free. The main purpose of this ministry is to build relationship and share the love of God.

A guy from the community received free eye surgery. Due to his financial situation he was not able to get any help. He was 95% blind because of the severe cataract in his both eyes. He came to us through one of our community members. We have sought help and by the grace of God some generous and kind doctors from the church community provided some financial support which helped us to provide him a free surgery. Now he is completely healed and can see clearly. Praise God! Because of this simple act of kindness he has found Jesus in his life and started to follow Him.



FIELD HOCKEY TRAINING

Collaboration with "Elite sports club" we have recruited 23 kids from our community to learn this new skill. This program is to engage our kids as they have spent so much time in their rooms because of the Covid restrictions. We have kids of age between 8-12 years old. Every Sunday evening kids have fun in the field with the professional coaches and volunteers.



CANTONESE CLASS

18 Kids have successfully graduated from our regular Cantonese class on Thursday which was provided by our group of volunteers called "Cantogather". New session will be starting from September 2021. Kids have improved their Cantonese so well that their parents wanted have it in regular basis. Many kids were interviewed by the local news channels as well.

With the help of some committed volunteers from church community, our 10 moms received the Cantonese classes. This is actually a great help for our moms to communicate in their daily lives.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021



With the help of our volunteers, teachers and staff, we were able to run our two weeks of 'ROCKY RAILWAYS VBS' program this year. At Rocky Railway, kids discover through life's ups and downs that Jesus' power pulls us through. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, engage in fun snack-eating experiences, take part in one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, and collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to trust Jesus. Each week we had 30 kids age from 3years - 11 years. Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an outreach ministry of Inner City Ministry to provide and educate the children about God. Vacation Bible School is an easy way to get kids involved in different activities through which we can build trusting relationship with them. It's also an opportunity to reach out new kids in our community.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Food distribution is our outreach program in order to reach out local street cleaners and drug addicts living under the flyovers. The main purpose of this program is to share the love of God through our action. We not only providing food but we try to spend time with them to share word of God. As a result many of them have heard the gospel and accepted Jesus as well.



My Name is Sita Pun. I was born in a Hindu family and have been living in Hong Kong with my husband for many years. My life has always been a rollercoaster filled with worry, anxiety and loneliness. My husband had a stroke that left him with speech difficulties. I had many burdens but could not share them with anyone. Even at work I was always ignored by my co-workers, felt lonely and unaccepted. I have always had a desire to know about Jesus because I never felt peace from my worries and anxieties even after visiting many temples and worshipping the different Hindu gods and goddesses. I remember back in Nepal one of my relative introduced Christianity to me but because my husband and family were Hindu, I felt like it was a betrayal to them and didn't know which side to choose.

One day as we were working, some Christians from ICM came to visit us with food and shared the Gospel with us. I felt so much joy in my heart when they started praying for me and my husband. For the first time in my life, I felt like I was seen, accepted and heard by God and His people. Since that day, God has brought peace in my heart and all my worries and burden started to fade away. The day after I met them, both my husband and I went to ICM and accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Now we have been regularly attending Nepali church in the area and am so happy to have found this family in Christ.



- Over HKD 100K worth of food vouchers have been distributed amongst the unemployed and low income families.
- Over 100 thousand children and adult face masks have been distributed.
- Over 500 homemade Nepali food boxes have been distributed to street cleaners and the people living under the flyovers.
- As we all know how hard it's for the people to work outdoor during the summer. To help and support our street cleaners, 120 portable neck fans have been distributed.
- Over 30 people have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior since January 2020.
- Over hundreds of families received one to one counselling and/or fellowship during the pandemic.

MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION:

COVID-19 has impacted many of our community members financially and emotionally. This led them into depression and frustration. To help the people who are caught up in to this crisis, we started to provide support with the help of professional counsellor and Psychotherapist. We were able to help some families to pay their house rent. This in fact, helped them to get relief from some financial burden.



INDIA COVID RELIEF SUPPORT

With peaks of over 400,000 new infections per day, India is facing the worst outbreak in the global Covid-19 crisis to date. Almost four to five times higher than the number of cases and deaths in the first wave. That led the whole nation to go into the complete lock down. The lockdown has already disproportionately hurt marginalized communities due to loss of livelihood and lack of food, shelter, health, and other basic needs. Shortages of oxygen and bed in the hospitals and health centers brought another nightmare to the people who are living under the poverty level.



In order to maintain hope and peace in the local community, some of the Christian organization trying to provide food, shelter and safe house for the infected people. With the help and support of our generous donors we were able to send some financial support, which helped them to provide food for over 1000 families, helped them to supply food and water outside the hospitals where people are queuing up for a day. Through our support they were also able to buy some oxygen concentrators.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the kids, Teen and young adults who have heard the gospel during our summer program. Pray for their parents so that they will allow their kids to join our regular fellowship program.
- Please pray for families who have lost their loved ones because of the COVID-19. Pray that God will open doors for us to provide comfort and love to them.
- Pray for our community members who are going through financial or mental health issues due to COVID-19. Pray for the God's blessing through good health and continued protection from the virus.
- Pray for our ministry to receive God's proper wisdom and guidance for 2021.
- Pray for the Men's Ministry that God will open the door for many men to come and join the upcoming events.
- Pray that our new mission strategies will reach more EM students in Hong Kong.
- Praise God for providing financially for ICM this past year. Continue to pray for God's great provision.
- Pray for the people living under the flyovers (Downtown), that they will turn from their ways and make better life choices. Pray that they will be set free from their addiction to drugs.
- Pray for all the new families and individuals who have heard the Gospel during our outreach program so that the Word of God sown in their hearts will grow and bear fruit.
- Pray for the good health and protection to our staff.

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On behalf of Inner City Ministries and the board of Directors, I would like to sincerely thank you for your faithful partnership. Through generous donors like you, God graciously supplies the needed financial resources for this ministry. We never take this generous provision for granted. Inner City Ministries continues to flourish and multiply in its mission because of our dedicated ministry partners. Even in the midst of a global pandemic, we were amazed at how God increased giving to ICM. Your contribution is magnificent.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sewing workshop for moms -Wednesday and Thursday.
- Cantonese class for kids and adults -Thursday and Saturday.
- Student ministry in various schools -Once every month
- Outreach to Drug rehab centers and Down town (Under flyovers) - Once every month on Saturday.
- Food distribution program to street cleaners - Once every month.
- Youth and Teen fellowship - Every Friday evening.
- Kid's club - Every Saturday evening.
- Field hockey training - Every Saturday afternoon.
- Men's fellowship - once every month.
- English classes for mom - Every Friday.
- Christmas outreach

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