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INNER CITY MINISTRIES

Annual Report 2024



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Inner City Ministries (ICM)

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While these milestones are significant, the countless lives forever changed because of your faithful generosity are what matter most. On behalf of myself, Board of Directors, and staff team members, thank you for sowing today for the harvest tomorrow - for meeting needs, feeding souls, and elevating God.



St Andrew's Church



Alliance International Church

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Dear Readers,

On behalf of Inner City Ministries and the Board of Directors I would like to say thank you for your faithful support in 2024. As we continue our work to engage, equip and bring life transformation through the Gospel, your contribution plays a vital role. All the good fruits we harvested last year were just spectacular and we could not have done it without you.

In the blink of an eye, 2024 has come to an end. With some of our recent staff changes, our current staff team is quite young or new to ICM and working in an NGO environment and it has not been an easy task to carry out the mission and vision of Inner City Ministries with them. There was a lot of challenges, but God has constantly reminded me of His faithfulness through scripture and through people around me. And it was a tremendous joy to hit the big milestone of 30 years last year and we were so blessed to be able to celebrate this special milestone. In past 30 years we have witnessed thousands of people being impacted directly or indirectly through our programs. What a blessing it is to see those who used to be

disciples of ICM discipling new community members. There are many young people who are now in various leadership roles leading a group of people in Christ. It is such a great blessing to see our community members' discipling others yet once they were disciple by ICM.

This year, our focus remains on fostering community with our holistic approach and facilitating meaningful events to focus on pivotal issues. I look forward to the year ahead and warmly invite your thoughts and suggestions on how we can collaborate.

I believe that Inner City Ministry is shining brightly in the world of mission work, and I want to thank you for being a part of this important work. As you thumb through this year's Annual Ministry Report, I hope you recognize your impact in every story, and every statistic. In the meantime, I want to encourage you to join me in giving thanks to God for all his good work. I also want to share the following report with you as another opportunity to pause and give thanks for what God is doing with and through the Inner City Ministries. I hope that as you read these pages you will be reminded that we serve an amazing God who is able to use our humble efforts for his glory.

Yours faithfully

Emmanuel Lepcha

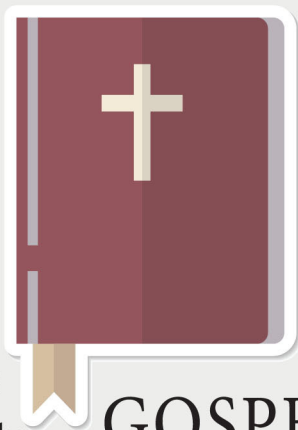
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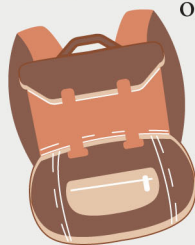


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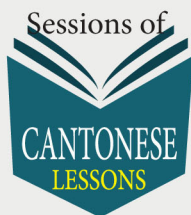
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have been distributed to needy
and low income families

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has been provided to our
COMMUNITY



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has been
distributed
to our street
cleaners



OVER

36

sessions of

COUNSELLING

and **MENTORING**

program to our brothers in
drug rehabilitation



OVER

160 HOURS
of day care
BABY SITTING



Service to help moms so that
they can focus on Sewing

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high school
students
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the



GOSPEL

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HOURS of

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sessions to high
students



OVER

200

HOURS **Assisting**

Community Members

to **Immigration and**

Social Welfare Departments

Over **96** hours of assistance
provided by
our staff to our
community members
with hospital and
medical clinic visits



In 2024

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KIDS
received

the **full scholarship**

This year

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CAIS SCHOLARSHIP



Disneyland Adventure

Children Program Director's Overview

As I reflect on the year 2024, my heart swell with gratitude for the incredible journey we've taken together at the Inner City Ministry. Our mission to share the gospel with the children and their families has been met with inspiring moments of growth and transformation. Throughout the year, we witnessed the powerful impact of Christ's love in the lives of children who attended our Kids Club every Saturday from 2 pm to 4:30 pm.

Disneyland Adventure

We started the year with a fantastic trip to Disneyland for the entire Kids Club and their families. This magical experience allowed us to bond and creates unforgettable memories together. This trip strengthened the sense of community within Kids Club, bringing families closer and fostering new friendships among the mums. It also provides children with a sense of belonging and excitement, encouraging them to participate more actively in future events.

VBS

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Our summer program, themed “SCUBA: Diving into deeper Friendship with God” attracted even more new kids than in previous years. With a total of 60 participants, the program was a success. The children were given the opportunity to deepen their relationship with God and form a meaningful connection with some of our volunteers.

Violin class Sponsor

We had the wonderful opportunity to host a violin class led by the talented teacher, Caleb. His passion for music and dedication to teaching proved to be invaluable as he guided the children through the fundamentals of playing the violin. Not only did he generously provide the kids with violins, but his unwavering commitment inspired them to reach for new heights, encouraging them to embrace a musical journey they had never imagined possible.

Violin Class

Volunteer team dedication

The growth of our volunteer team has been a tremendous blessing as their commitment has enabled us to expand our outreach and provide personal attention to each child. Volunteer orientation session helped equip our team with the tools and knowledge necessary to effectively engage with children and their families. Our volunteers not only lead activities and small groups but also foster meaningful relationships that bear fruit in the children's lives.

Partnership and commitment engagement

We are grateful for the partnerships we have formed with other ministries, community organizations and international schools. Collaborating with local churches and non-profit has allowed us to amplify our efforts and reach more families.

One of the events we organized was a onesie-themed kids' fun fair, which attracted around 100 enthusiastic children. The atmosphere was lively and filled with laughter, creating a truly enjoyable experience for everyone involved. Our dedicated volunteers played a crucial role, bringing an infectious energy and attentiveness that enhanced the overall vibe of the fair.



We set up various booths featuring engaging games and activities, all designed to be Bible-oriented while still ensuring maximum fun. The success of the event was a testament to the collective effort of everyone involved—from the volunteers to the parents who helped with logistics. Their commitment and enthusiasm were key ingredients in making the day not only enjoyable but also memorable.

Vision and Goals for Next Year

As we look towards 2025, our passion for sharing the gospel continues to ignite our vision. We aim to reach more children in our community, targeting those who have yet to experience the love of Christ. Our goals include:

- Developing a parent engagement initiative to include families in discipleship and community service opportunities
- Increase our volunteer recruitment efforts by 50%, ensuring we have a strong team to support our ministry's growth
- Implementing a mentorship training program for our youth volunteers to encourage leadership development

Conclusion

In conclusion, 2024 has been a year of immense faithfulness from God. Each event, child and family represents a testimony of His grace and love. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to our ministry partners and supporting organizations for your continual support and prayers. Your contributions make a profound difference in the lives of the children we serve. As we step into 2025, I invite you to continue this journey with us. ***“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” - Romans 8:28***

Mission & Role

The Youth Ministry exists to disciple, equip, and empower young people to grow in their faith, develop strong character, and engage meaningfully with their community. Our goal is to create a supportive and nurturing environment where youth can encounter Christ, build lifelong friendships, and develop essential life skills. Through various programs, mentorship, and activities, we aim to guide them toward spiritual maturity and personal growth.

Wins & Praises

We celebrate the many blessings and victories God has provided this year. One significant highlight the generous donation of sport shoes for all our youth members last Chinese New Year. This provision greatly benefited our youths and served as a timely blessing, encouraging them in their sports and recreational activities.

We also witnessed God's hand at work in the lives of our youths through the SailAbility Program, where six of our youths participated in sailing classes, with two of them having the incredible opportunity to represent Nepal in an international competition in Hong Kong. This experience not only developed their skills but also instilled confidence, resilience, and a sense of achievement.

SailAbility Program



Youth Ministry

The increase in youth participation across various programs has been encouraging, since late September, we welcomed 12 new youths into our ministry, most of whom transitioned from our Children Ministry “Kids Club”. This marks an essential step in their faith journey as they integrate into the Youth Ministry, and it has been a joy to see them actively participating and growing in the community.

In addition, many of our youths benefited from After-School Tutoring, thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers. Before the tutoring program, 40% of students were failing math with an average score of 20-30%. After participating, there has been an improvement in grades. A special shoutout goes to our dedicated volunteers for their commitment to mentoring, guiding, and investing in the next generation.

Impact & Testimonies

Pamila Rai – My journey at ICM

Hello everyone, my name is Pamila Rai and I've been coming to ICM since I was a small kid. ICM has taught me about the power of God's love, His character, and His forgiveness, which are essential to understanding what it truly means to be a Christian.

Since joining the Youths fellowship, worship has been my favourite part. It feels like I am in God's presence when my friends and I worship together, allowing me to feel closer to God. Through prayer & Bible study, my relationship with Him has deepened profoundly.

School Tutoring

ICM has also provided me with lots of opportunities to learn more about our faith through activities and discussions.

Being born a Christian, I had struggled with understanding my faith and connecting with God because it was always really my parents taking me to church — to be real, I didn't understand the Bible much. But at ICM, I learned to become more confident in my faith and learn how to trust in God's plan. I really gained a deeper understanding of the Bible and its teachings.

Not only that, I also have made new friends with people who support me to get closer to God. Sometimes, I catch myself praying before bed or even small things like thanking God. Overall, I believe that God is working through ICM and it has impacted me greatly.



Pamela Rai

Advancing the Vision

As we look ahead, we are excited to take further steps in strengthening and expanding our ministry.

One of our goals is to focus on Volunteer Recruitment to build a strong, committed team who will walk alongside our youths, mentoring and encouraging them as they grow in Christ. Establishing a solid support system is vital for their spiritual and personal development.

Additionally, we plan to launch a structured Sports Program & Training, recognizing the importance of physical and personal growth. This initiative will provide a platform for youths to engage in healthy physical activities, develop teamwork and discipline, and build confidence.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we are filled with gratitude as we reflect on the ways God has moved within our Youth Ministry this past year. We look forward to the continued growth and transformation of our youths, trusting in His guidance as we advance our mission.

As we move forward, let us hold onto the promise found in *Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* This verse serves as a reminder that with faith and reliance on Him, we can overcome challenges and achieve great things together.

And thank you to everyone—volunteers, donors, supporters and friends—who have contributed continuously to making this ministry a place of growth, love, and transformation.

★ *Mr. Yabesh Pulami Masar*
Youth Ministry Director

In May 2023, I arrived in Hong Kong and began a journey filled with challenges and growth. After a series of training sessions, I transitioned into the F&B sector. However, I struggled to find inner peace and joy, feeling distanced from God due to my inability to attend Sunday services. Being new to this environment made integration difficult, and despite my desire to serve, I felt lost within a large community with only a few friends.

After six months, I learned about the Inner City Ministries (ICM) through family and friends and was inspired by their impact on our Ethnic Minority communities. I joined the ICM Sewing Ministry and Martin's Theology Class on Fridays. It was in Martin's class that I felt God's presence through *Psalm 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God."*

In November 2023, I was honoured to become the Director of Young Adult Fellowship. My role involved loving the youth in our community, encouraging them in their relationships with God and each other, leading the Discipleship Training School (DTS) every summer, and supporting other ministry leaders within ICM.



Discipleship Training School (DTS)



Young Adult's Ministry

I set several goals for the past year: to integrate into the community, connect with backslidden believers from Nepali churches, and enhance my skills to fulfil my responsibilities. To achieve these, I met with various church leaders, volunteered in organizations to meet new young adults, and attended training programs.



Discipleship Training School (DTS)

As summer approached, I felt overwhelmed by the Mini DTS theme: “A Time to Be Renewed.” The investment of time, energy, and finances weighed heavily on me, and I questioned my ability to manage the program. Despite the support from my colleagues, I often felt lost and confused.

A few days later, I encountered a former school friend who was also a student in the program. She was struggling to know Christ better. This encounter reaffirmed that I was in the right place, fulfilling God’s purpose. After the Mini DTS, she gave her life to Christ, and I had the joy of witnessing her baptism. Additionally, two brothers from Operation Dawn Island were baptized. The program fostered connections, and many students stayed in touch, bringing me joy and fulfilment.

Discipleship Training School (DTS)



After the summer, I began to build new friendships, including one with a friend who was facing personal challenges. By supporting her through difficult times and hospital appointments, I helped her reconnect with her faith. Gradually, she opened about her past, and her gratitude for my companionship was heartwarming.

While I thrived in my role, I recognized the need for personal growth. My background in serving the Lord for over seven years in Nepal helped me connect with Nepali churches in Hong Kong, enhancing my understanding of EM families and my responsibilities.



Discipleship Training School (DTS)

I also had to address family issues. With my mother-in-law, I built a prayer altar, and during an interview with Mr. Douglas Wallace (Chairman of the board), I reflected on my relationship with my father. His words prompted me to seek forgiveness, leading to a restored relationship.

I am thankful to ED Emmanuel for encouraging me to serve in ministry beyond church settings, and to my coworkers for their support and patience as I learned necessary skills.

As we move into 2025, my team and I remain dedicated to our mission: to bring hope to our community through learning opportunities, support for positive life choices, and encouragement through Christian discipleship. This past year, I encountered many young adults who had drifted away from the church. For 2025, I aim to :

- Reach out to new young adults
- Organize programs that lead them closer to God
- Upgrade my skills
- Engage in more volunteering activities

As I embark on this new year, I commit to pursuing my goals with intention and faith in our Lord Jesus. I believe my ministry can significantly impact the lives of young adults. By focusing on quality time with God and supporting my teammates, I trust that even amid challenges, God will continue to work wonders through us, extending His Kingdom and transforming lives.

★ *Mrs. Sara Rai*

Young Adult's Ministry Director

I am Nanda Kumari Pun from the ICM Sewing Ministry, and I would like to share my thoughts and experiences with you. As stated in ***1 Corinthians 2:1, God prepares those who love Him.*** I never imagined I would be part of a sewing ministry at ICM. I had a dream to sew even before my marriage, and after many years, I learned sewing by joining the sewing class at ICM. Our team now includes Miss Jenny, our sewing teacher, and Caroline, our special teacher, who shares God's love during our sewing classes. I take great pride in all our students who attend.

Sewing Class



Miss Jenny



Sewing Class Graduation

Every year, we welcome new members into our sewing ministry. We often discuss our challenges, pray for guidance, and talk about various topics. Last year, 20 of our sisters registered for the program for 2024-2025. Despite facing many difficulties, we continue to support one another, with 17 participants currently enrolled in our senior sewing group.

Our mission is to spread the unconditional love of Jesus, the creator of all, and to share the skills we have acquired in sewing, which have

Sewing and Family Ministry

greatly benefited us. This year, 23 individuals have registered, and we have begun design work to address their family's small needs related to sewing.

In the new year, we will organize a picnic to strengthen our bonds and enjoy time together. Among the participants is a sister named Thapa Gurung Kalpana, who would like to share her experience with us.

Hello everyone!

I am Thapa Gurung Kalpana, a regular sewing ministry student at ICM. I would like to express my gratitude to the ICM family for this opportunity to share my experiences.

Due to my busy work schedule, I couldn't pursue my dream of sewing until I joined the classes in 2018. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted our classes, but when things calmed down, I was thrilled to return.



Ms Nanda welcomed us back warmly, ensuring everyone rejoined. Under Ms. Jenny's supervision, we embarked on many new projects, and I was delighted to invite friends interested in sewing. While the changes in my life may seem subtle to others, I know I have grown significantly. I can now alter items around my home, refresh my old clothes, and assist my friends with their sewing needs.

My time with Caroline Sister has deepened my relationship with God and helped me rebuild my family's spiritual foundation. I have regained my confidence and can now communicate more freely and

tackle life's challenges. I love attending classes regularly; even learning one new pattern feels like a major accomplishment. I am grateful for the sewing machines, workspace, and materials provided to us.

Cantonese Class Graduation



Finally, I want to thank Ms. Jenny and Miss Nanda for their dedication, humility, and calmness. I also appreciate Caroline Sister for guiding us on the righteous path and teaching us to trust in our Almighty God. I look forward to the exciting projects ahead!

Our ICM Christmas party and other family programs bring joy to everyone involved. Additionally, 56 people participated in the ICM Cantonese class and received medals for their achievements.

This year, we have set the following goals:

- Introduce new sample pieces and learn to sew with different kinds of fabric
- Reach out to new non-Christian women
- Organize activities like picnics and family outings to build closer relationships among the women

★ *Mrs. Nanda Pun*

Sewing and Family Ministry Director

Family and Women's Ministry

As I look back in past 2024, I thank God for His grace in all situations. His presence as Jesus is same yesterday, today and forever. I'm serving among the families, mothers and women. I accompany them to hospitals, immigration department; find schools for children and also spiritual counselling to the families. I thank God for His help in all circumstances and also guide them to trust God and pray in any situations.



We also pray and share at Moms in prayers fellowship every Fridays. There we pray for our children and their schools, teachers and their friends. They will also learn how we can pray proclaiming word of God.

It is my joy to share gospel whether accompany them to hospitals or they come to ICM. Many have accepted the Lord and then I introduce them to a church nearby their place and some are continually going to church. E.G, one brother name Krishna is going to one Nepali church.



Bible message sharing is also a part in ladies sewing class. One sister her name is Sakhila she use to bring two kids to our kid's class. One day she asked me to pray for her son who have some speech delay until 4 years old. So she had burden and love for this child. Though

Moms in prayers retreat



she is not Christian, she asked me to pray for him. She told me after a few days he improved his talking. She felt this is a miracle of God Jesus. Now, he comes to Kids club and his sister too. Sakhila also believed and accepted Jesus as saviour. She feels like home in ICM. Now she has joined MIP, sewing class. She thanks God for giving her an opportunity to learn sewing, MIP and also participating in Nepali Dance during Christmas. She said God fulfilled her desire.

One sister her name is Shyama, she use to bring her son Pravin to ICM kids club in Chungking Mansions. Few years back she and her family moved to UK. Later she and her husband got baptized. Few months back she called me and asked me to share gospel with her son who is 25 now. He accepted Jesus and got baptized in UK. Last month I had an opportunity to visit my friends in UK. I met many families. Some have accepted Jesus in ICM. I also had a chance to share messages in different churches as our previous sisters from ICM are active in their churches. They cook food and invited non-Christian friend and asked me to share the Gospel. There were



around 10 People who accepted Jesus. Praise to our Lord Jesus that whatever they learned from ICM, now they are discipling others in UK. It was my joy to serve alongside these friends from ICM in their churches. I encouraged them to serve the Lord wherever they are placed by God. God brought them to join in the church and help the local church and gather those far away from the Lord. They were encouraged by my visit. They started to have home fellowship group in the church as a result.

Future goal is to do

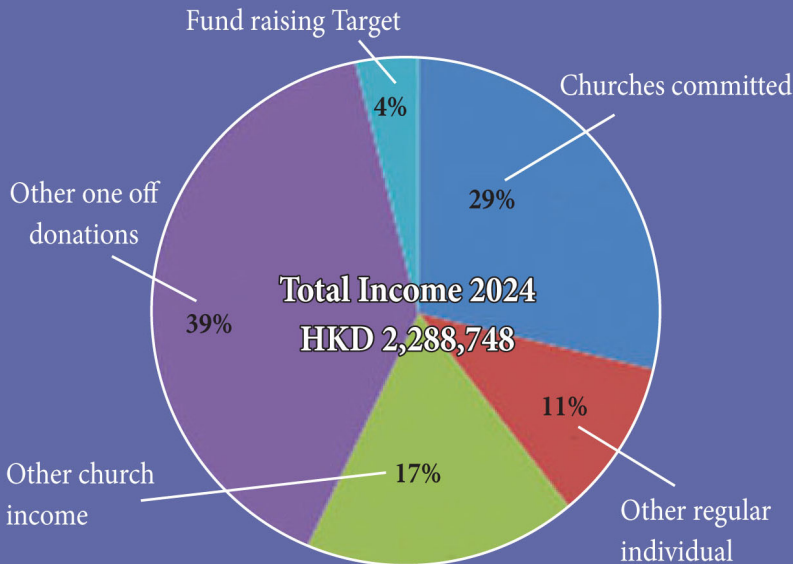
- Follow up to those who accepted Jesus
- Desire to distribute tracts to mainland Chinese tourist in front of old Yau Ma Tei Police station
- Obey and recognize God's voice and rebuild the body of Christ

★ *Ms. Caroline Simick*

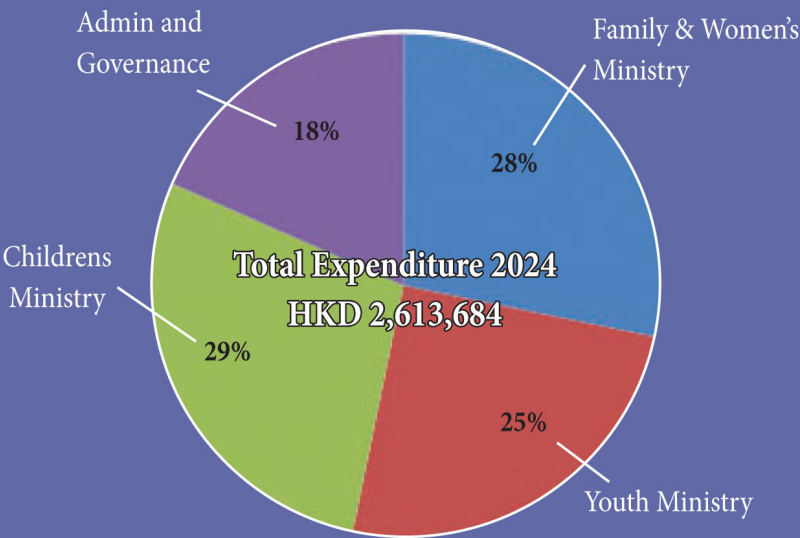
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Inner City Ministries total income 2024



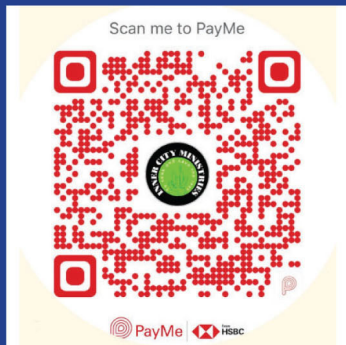
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Account No : 508 203767 001

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