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# MINISTRY REPORT

INNER CITY MINISTRIES



## 'YET THERE IS ONE RAY OF HOPE...

Lamentation 3:21-23

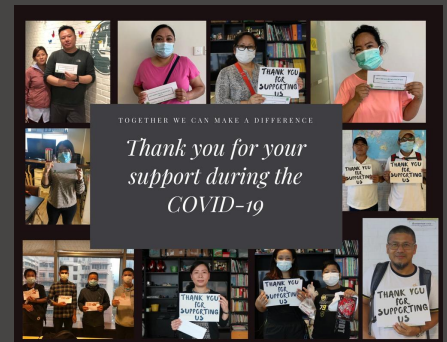
All glory and honor to our Lord Jesus.

As summer comes to a close, the pandemic continues to grip the city of Hong Kong, forcing staff to consider what it means to lead online or hybrid our programs into the fall of 2020.

While most of us acknowledge the state of disruption in terms of evangelism and outreach, but Inner City Ministries sees this moment as an opportunity to live out their faith by loving their neighbors and their communities. The outbreak of Covid-19 has had a material impact on Hong Kong, especially on vulnerable and marginalized groups in our community.

We have been praying and seeking God's wisdom. Despite of all the crisis, Inner City Ministry has taken some vital steps to continue His mission.

**WE ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT OVER 20 FAMILIES EVERY MONTH WITH FOOD VOUCHERS.**





# OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Due to COVID-19 50% of the community have found themselves out of work and kids are stuck in their small apartments for long periods of time, families are struggling to pay their rent and young people are struggling with depression and/or other mental health issues. Due to the international travel restriction, some key family members got stuck in their home country causing the main income source to be completely cut off. ICM has observed all this and been actively taking part in providing support to the community we serve. Here are some of the ways we have been assisting our community:

- Over 100,000 face masks and 50,000 hand sanitisers distributed to street cleaners, elderly and family members.
- Over 50,000 kid's masks distributed to our kids.
- Due to living conditions many children find playing on mobile devices the only way to pass the time. ICM was able to provide them with some games that they encourage interactions and family time.
- With the help of our supporters we provided Wellcome/ParkNShop vouchers to our community. These enabled them to buy groceries for 15-20 days.
- Over 20 people found jobs through our International churches connections.
- Our staff helped many individual family members and kids with attending appointments at hospitals or private clinics while key family members are stuck in their home country.
- We provided one-on-one counselling to over 60 people struggling with depression and drugs during the lockdown in order to provide fellowship and encouragement.
- We continued to provide home-made Nepali food to the street cleaners in the community.



# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

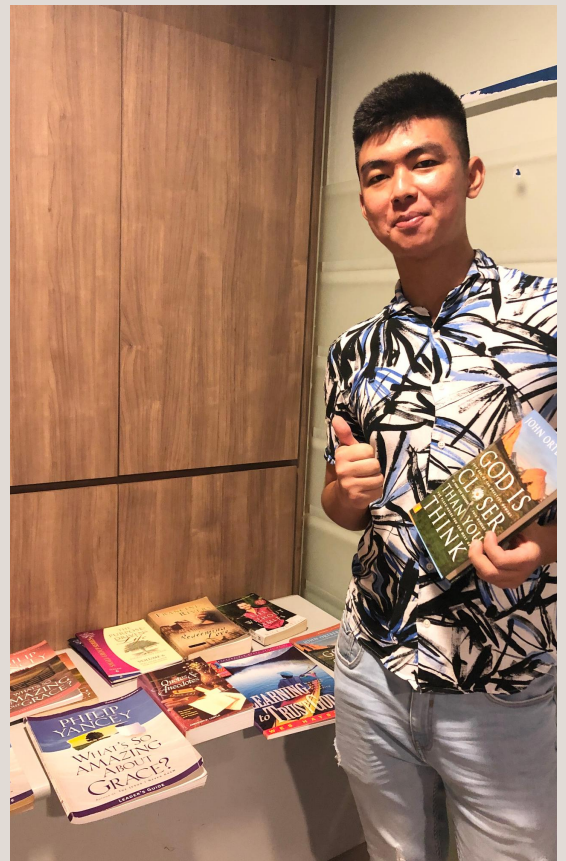
Romans 8:38

Due to COVID-19 the city has been in lock down on and off but even during those times we have continued our youth and teen's fellowship through Zoom. We have been able to engage others through our community care ministry more than ever by reaching out to the community in need. During this time we have been able to share the love of God through His Gospel. We have also been visiting drug addicts under the fly-overs and following up with the brothers who recently finish their drug rehabilitation by providing counselling. We received this testimony from one of those we ministered to:

Hi!

my name is Gurung Depen, I am 21 years old. During my teenage years I went out of track chasing worldly things which are temporary just to satisfy my inner soul. During this time I got involved in criminal activities and drug addiction. Admiring worldly and other bad things didn't end well but I went to Operation Dawn rehabilitation centre for 1 year treatment where I got to know more about God. I then volunteered there for 7 months where many church members and organisations would often visit to encourage us and share the word of God. During one visit I met the ICM team got a chance to know about ICM and youth members who were similar to my age. When I came back to the society I really struggled to start a new life but thank God, i went to ICM where i really felt blessed and encouraged while learning new things about Jesus and meeting more brothers and sister in Christ. ICM has been a real life saving platform for me. I am very thankful to God and ICM for this good opportunity to know more about God every week..

Thank you



- Over 100 people have heard the Gospel during the time of this Pandemic.
- 22 people accepted Jesus as their personal saviour since January 2020
- We sent two brothers to the rehabilitation centre.
- More than 200 kids have received school bags, school stationery gift packs, story books, card games and board games.
- Over 50 people received free eye checkup in co-operation with Eye Care Charitable Foundation.



# THANK YOU NOTE

On behalf of Inner City Ministry, I would like to take this time to thank you all for your love, support and care during this time of difficulties. Despite the circumstances, we are able to sustain and provide extra help to our community. We couldn't have done it without your prayer and generous support. We are very appreciative of your kind concern for this ministry and hope there will be more opportunities to partner together for the community. Below are some thank-you notes that we have received from our community members.



Hello!

My name is Sabina Rai. I am so grateful for your support during the time of this difficulties. This pandemic has made our life quite difficult and we don't have regular jobs like before. It's very hard to live our day to day life. but i am thankful to ICM team who provided us masks and sanitisers along with Wellcome vouchers that helped cover our monthly groceries. This means a lot to us. Thank you so much for your support.

God Bless you all.

Hi!

My Name is Rabindra. I had an injury at the end of 2019 so I was on medical leave and was not allowed to work. But a few months later my employer stopped my salary so I had trouble managing my monthly expenses. Thanks to God and ICM team for providing vouchers which helped me to buy groceries for a month during this of crisis.



Hi!

My name is Nikki. This pandemic has made our life miserable. My husband was stuck in Nepal for five months and he was the only person who brings money to our family. I can't work because i have to look after my son. We had very little savings and we were going through very difficult situation. Through ICM we received Wellcome vouchers that helped us buy groceries for a month. This was really helpful during this time of crisis. I really want to thank all the donors and supporters who helped us through ICM.



# What's next ...?

## • Donate used Ipad or laptop for a good cause

COVID-19 has hit the vulnerable and low income families quite hard. School will be resuming their online classes from this fall. but most of the poor families who lives in Jordan and Yau Ma Tei area can't afford new electronic devices for their kids to support this online learning. We found most of the kids are using their parents' phones to do their school work, which is quite difficult and uncomfortable. They need some more practical devices for school use. If you have any extra electronic devices like tablets or laptops which are not in use, please feel free to donate to the people in need. Your donation will make an amazing difference to the kids and families we support. The gift will make a huge difference to the online learning of one of our children. Your unused devices can become a great treasure for someone else.

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## • Prayer request

- Please 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 during this time of crisis in order to best serve our community.
- 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 people in the community.
- Praise God for providing financially for ICM these past eight months. Continue to pray that God provides for the shortfall of losing some of our regular donors.
- 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 our emerging teens and young adults group to grow in a deeper relationship with God and with their family as well.
- Pray for all the new families and individuals who have heard the Gospel during this pandemic that the Word of God sown in their hearts will grow and bear fruit.
- Pray for those who have just accepted Christ and became Christians and may be facing persecution from their family.

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