

2016

# Inner City Ministries - Annual Report



## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Each time I sit to write the annual report I am so encouraged by the dedication and skill of our staff and the provident love of God in all that we do; never a week goes by without evidence of this blessing. Preparing the report is one of my most valued tasks since it reveals so much about our work and the hand of God in people's lives. Our key aim to ENGAGE, EQUIP and TRANSFORM continues to be realized in the lives of those we touch not only in our community but with those who volunteer to work with us.

Our Ministry Centre in Ferry Street continues to be a home and 'place of refuge' amongst the Nepalese and South Asian community. The open and accepting atmosphere of the centre emanates from a staff that manifestly cares for one another and for all those we serve. We see lives changed not necessarily in external conditions but in new found hope and spiritual freedom. We have found new ways to engage those who are lost and broken in our area and to work more closely with our local Nepalese churches in reaching out.

Some highlights of the year:-

- **Kid's Club every Saturday attracts over 40 children and is a key means of outreach to families**
- **Sewing workshops have provided over 300 beautifully crafted clothing for children in great need in Nepal, Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia**
- **Again our popular parenting classes delivered in cooperation with the Child Development Centre have helped mums in bringing up children in Hong Kong**
- **120 parents and children taken on a summer's outing and then 180 to a Christmas party at KGV – always a great way to build new relationships**
- **Young teens programme on Saturday evenings continues to grow in commitment and in scope**
- **64 children involved in "Undersea Adventure" VBS week reaching new families**
- **Our very own staff wedding – Emmanuel and Cecilia inviting literally hundreds from our community to share the joy, the dancing and the feast – a witness as well as a whole lot of fun.**

We have welcomed new director **Ms. Sky Siu** to the Board of Inner City Ministries and we have sadly bid farewell to **Ms. Bellita Limbu** who, although only on the board for a short time, was much appreciated. We give thanks to God for His gracious provision in the growth we have seen in our work this year and for the support given by all our stakeholders, volunteers and partners in our ministry to the marginalized and vulnerable.



Martin Radford  
Executive Director

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:



I come to Kidsclub to learn God's word and to hear bible story. prelish  
I like when we worship god and hear new bible story of god.

**Pawan:** *I like to come to Kid's Club because I learn about God more and to be children of God. I like the activities, hear stories and worship God"*

Every week on Saturday afternoon some 40 children (sometimes more!) come to our centre for **Kid's club**. A lively time of worship, bible stories, activities and snacks provides children of 3 – 10 years with an enjoyable and relaxed way to know the Gospel. This important programme enables us reach new children as well as mums who meet together at the same time. Volunteer teams are essential in making this possible



<<< **"Undersea Adventure"** Vacation Bible school occupied our centre in every way imaginable during two weeks in July and August.. Over 60 children from 3 -10yrs had a blast singing action songs, playing games, eating healthy snacks, learning new bible themes and doing lots of craft activities. Always needing lots of preparation and small armies of volunteers, the whole thing is simply brilliant and helps us build new relationships.



<<< **Midweek tutoring** - a team of high school students from American International School, led by their high school teacher, Alan Lo, help our children with core subjects every week: the students written reflections about their experiences show that this is rewarding for them and our children.



## YOUNG TEENS:

Through counseling and regular personal contact, our staff strengthens relationships with young teens, especially those on the fringe of our reach. We have a group of about 15 regulars, mostly boys which is a real change in demography. **'Saturday Teens'** gives regular time for discussions, games, monthly fun activities helping to deepen relationships with this important but vulnerable group.

**Kingdom Warriors (teens)** residential camp week in the summer has a powerful impact on our teens often bringing change at school and at home.



## YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS:

*"My name is **Rajani Limbu** and I am 19 years old, currently studying in Bethel higher secondary school. I get to know about ICM through Emmanuel Da and he encouraged me to join. I joined Inner City Ministries (ICM) around 2015. When I started coming to ICM, I came to know many new things about God and I also realized that I have so much more to learn. I met many new friends, leaders and aunties, with whom I could share, learn and receive mentoring from. Joining ICM has been helpful to me in my spiritual growth"*



Sound teaching, lively worship, friendship and sharing food form the core of **Friday Fellowship** which remains a focal point for youth still at school or have started work. Always willing to take part in outreach the youth



are a key part of our ministry. They are also involved in **Bible study teaching classes** and in assisting in the **summer residential camps** held in the YWAM centre which have such an impact upon our teens and adults who attend. An important aspect of this ministry is the inclusive atmosphere that ICM promotes in every way. This is in direct contrast to the culture that surrounds the area and lies at the heart of the welcome given especially to those who struggle with addiction. Our young adults also form a critical link with our local Nepalese Churches and are involved in worship leading and coordinating ministries.

## ADULT PROGRAMMES

**Sewing workshops** every Wednesday and Thursday are such a joy. The women have drunk lots of tea, eaten many snacks but in the process have made beautiful children's clothes to give to orphanages around the world – such a blessing for the women in the class and for those children receiving the new clothes made for them. Recently **20** of our ladies have had lessons in making Nepali clothes which require new, very detailed skills. Of course each day there is a time of sharing which has become so vital in this relaxed setting:-



*Hello! My name is **Niki Sherpa**. First of all I would like to thank God and all my friends and Christian Friends as well. I came to know about ICM through my friend Dhupa. I was invited to join the sewing class to learn some skill in making dresses. I thank God that I had got an opportunity to learn this skill, not only sewing but also came to know about Jesus Christ. Then I accepted Him as my Lord and my Saviour. After I accepted Him there were a lot of changes that took place in my life. At present I am going to KIBC and attending Jordan home fellowship. My son Palden also enjoys coming to Kid's club on Saturday. I am so blessed to be God's child and now my life is full of joy. (Translated from Nepali by Staff at ICM)*

Niki now regularly shares her experiences with other women both in the workshop and when she brings her children to Kid's club.

## An individual ministry

In addition to being involved with all our programmes, staff member **Caroline** has a very specific ministry to provide individual help, prayer or counsel for members of the community. This is one of our lesser known but very important ministries, and is utterly dependent upon the commitment of Caroline to readily go whenever she is asked. These visits are often a time for her to share the Gospel message of hope. Keeping a good record of these visits, Caroline reports that she taken **139** individuals to the doctor or to hospital for treatment; **49** people have given their lives to Jesus and of these **8** have joined local churches and **3** have been recently baptized in Zion International Church. We are so grateful to Dr. Joseph Ma of Mei Foo Clinic and Dr. Leo Chan of American Board of Pediatrics who give their consultations free of charge - such amazing gifts 'in kind' for this ministry.





## OUTREACH AND MISSION

Our **Christmas celebration** in Saigon St. Park, involving our youth and children in dance, drama, Nepalese songs and carols and the gospel message remains a lovely annual event reaching **250 or more** of our community. But there are other times as well when staff and youth go out to minister to those on the streets. Our **house fellowship** takes food and words of hope to the homeless at least once a month and we maintain a vigorous regime of contacting those we encounter by phone or visits.



**Day trips** and events that enable us to invite new people are important: A day trip in the summer with two bus-loads of families (**120**) was just lovely despite the rain; fun was had, food was shared and children had a chance to go cycling or fly kites. <<< Each year King George Vth School lays on a superb **Christmas party** to which we are able to invite **180 mums** and kids – these are precious times for our community.

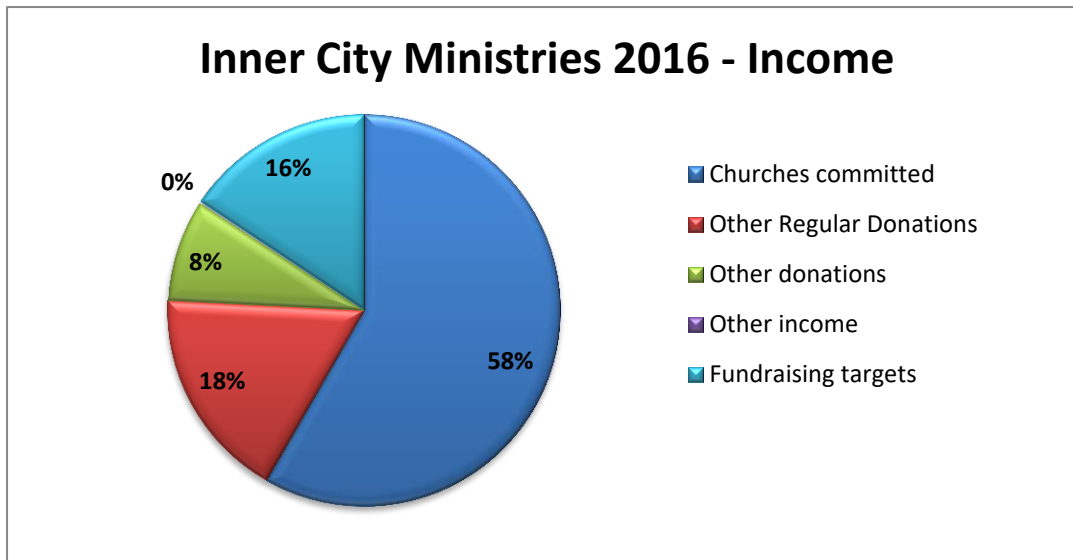


## OVERALL MINISTRY IMPACT

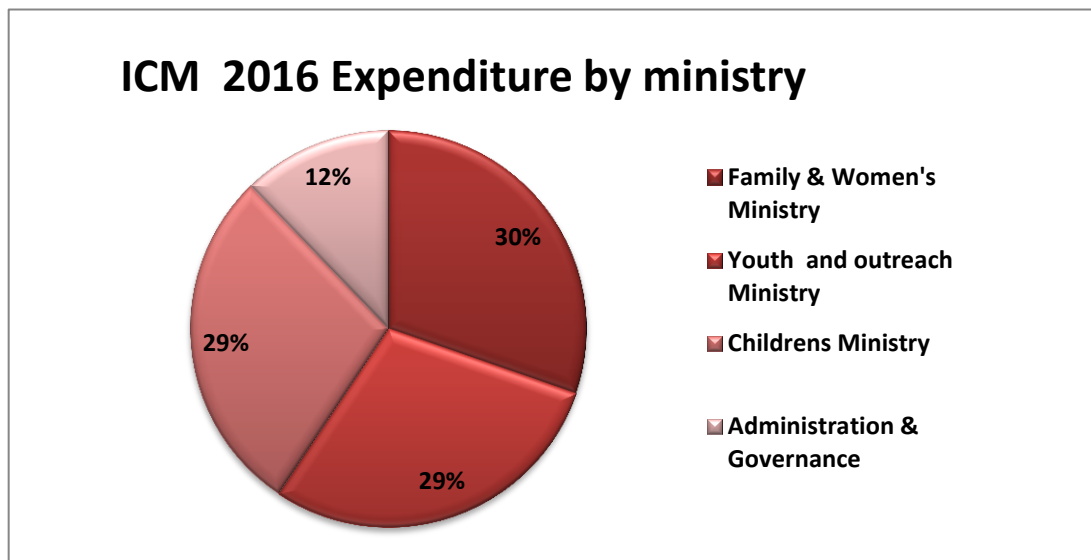
ICM reaches out to people in Hong Kong who are easily ignored. ICM is essentially a MISSION – but central to this is to demonstrate the impact of God's love in ALL aspects of what we do and it is this to which people are constantly drawn. Our staff gives unreservedly of their time, welcoming all, patiently phoning round to encourage people and equipping the community in a wide variety of ways. Growth is always slow but evident in the greater degree of engagement with our families, our teens and especially our young adults.

We are a vehicle for hope which is not a normal feature of their lives in the unforgiving culture of Hong Kong's low economic groups. Often robbed of any sense of purpose - our women have turned up regularly for classes and sewing training because they have been encouraged in seeing the outcome of their work given to such needy children. All the children and teens that come week by week are given a strong message of care and self-worth. Young adults have risen to take up greater leadership roles in ICM and their churches – and the key to all this is the transforming power of the gospel of salvation in Jesus.

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



<b>Churches committed</b>	<b>1,043,614</b>
<b>Other Regular Donations</b>	<b>313,955</b>
<b>Other donations</b>	<b>149,693</b>
<b>Other income</b>	<b>3,700</b>
<b>Fundraising targets</b>	<b>280,000</b>
	<b><u>1,790,962</u></b>



<b>Family &amp; Women's Ministry</b>	<b>578,422</b>
<b>Youth and outreach Ministry</b>	<b>554,971</b>
<b>Children's Ministry</b>	<b>542,678</b>
<b>Administration &amp; Governance</b>	<b>232,993</b>
	<b><u>1,909,064</u></b>

(NB: figures presented here are taken from our December 2016 End of year management accounts – they are pre-audit)

## **KEY AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT FOR 2017**

- To develop in coordination with Operation Dawn programmes and ministry to those recovering from drug addiction.
- To introduce a new “Mum’s Time” of sharing, worship and message on Friday afternoons to extend the work of sewing ministry and Saturday outreach to Mothers
- To work more closely with Nepalese Churches in the immediate vicinity to encourage them in unity and offer training support for Pastors and leaders.
- To provide leadership training for our young adult groups to encourage their increasing role in ICM and the Nepali Combined Youth fellowship
- To mark the graduation of the older children in Kid’s club in June then in September introduce a new young teen’s fellowship on Friday evenings to provide activities for them.
- To provide 3 weekend camps in addition to our summer residential camps for our teens group to encourage them and sustain the input of ICM in their lives
- To provide at least TWO teacher training sessions for our Volunteer teams who assist in the delivery of our Kid’s Club programme.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We are supported in our work by a committed body of Churches, schools, funding organizations and individuals who give in prayer, voluntary work and financial support which enable us to continue our work. We received a substantial gift donated in memory of ADA WAN, a very good friend of ICM, who passed away in 2016. Many individuals ask for their gifts to be anonymous – we thank them anyway. However we would like to acknowledge the following and thank them for their support given in various ways:

<b>Alliance International Church</b>	<b>Island Evangelical Community Church</b>
<b>American International School</b>	<b>Jubilee Ministries</b>
<b>Bel-Air Charity Book Fair</b>	<b>Kowloon International Baptist Church</b>
<b>Barefoot Love</b>	<b>Light of Hope Foundation</b>
<b>Brentwood Baptist Church USA</b>	<b>KGV School</b>
<b>Community Church Hong Kong</b>	<b>Matilda Sedan Chair Charities fund</b>
<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<b>Dr. Joseph Ma, Mei Foo Clinic</b>
<b>Clearwater Bay Baptist Church</b>	<b>Methodist International Church</b>
<b>Christian Alliance International School</b>	<b>Resurrection Church</b>
<b>Dr. Leo Chan, American Board of Pediatrics</b>	<b>St. Andrew’s Church</b>
<b>Deaf and Youth Asian Ministry</b>	<b>The LOG International</b>
<b>Harmony Baptist Church</b>	<b>The Vine Church</b>
<b>Hope of the City Foundation</b>	<b>Union Church</b>
<b>Hong Kong University Service 100</b>	<b>Watermark Community Church</b>
<b>Int. F’ship Christian Short Term Missions</b>	<b>Youth With a Mission</b>

Inner City Ministries, like many care and mission organizations, relies heavily upon its volunteers many of whom give considerable hours to support our work in their valuable spare time. For these generous acts of sacrifice and giving to God we express our heartfelt gratitude.

**THANK YOU!**