



# Ministry Report 2017



ENGAGE • EQUIP • TRANSFORM

**To engage the South Asian community, to equip them and bring life transformation through Christian ministry.**

Dear Friends,

We have recently been undergoing a strategic planning exercise to enable us to prepare for and consider carefully where God is leading us in the next few years. Certain aspects of our work are strong: we are engaged in a unique ministry that seeks to build lasting relationships through a trusted staff well qualified to carry out their roles: our centre is of immediate importance to our community many of whom regard it as a 'home from home', It is a safe and welcoming place where God's love for all can be tangibly felt: we continue to provide programmes that equip various ages of our community. However, the most sought-after aspect of our work is the care and transformational love that comes from staff – this draws more people to our work than any other single factor.

**Some highlights of 2017:-**

- Kid's Club regular attendance increased to 50 children with additional volunteers coming every Saturday.
- New Programme; a "Mum's Time" of sharing and worship introduced on Friday afternoons to extend the work of sewing ministry and outreach to mothers
- A delightfully successful 2 week VBS summer programme for 60 Children
- Focused ministry training for our young adult groups resulting in new leadership for the Nepali Combined Youth fellowship coming from our community
- More than 100 adults individually ministered to, 30 of whom have given their lives to Jesus.
- New programme for 12 young teens, meeting every Friday for activities both at the centre and other venues.
- Two successful weekend camps and dragon boat training provided for our older teens (15 – 18yrs) to encourage them and sustain the input of ICM in their lives.

**Key plans for this coming year of 2018/19:-**

- To build upon our key summer programmes for children and teens to reach new beneficiaries
- To introduce and develop a dynamic programme to reach out to men – specifically the husbands of the women and fathers of children who already come to ICM.
- To recruit new volunteers and staff to meet our increasing programme needs.
- To upgrade our communications strategies to provide our sponsors with regular updates including tangible measures of success.

**Further news:** Emmanuel and Cecilia, who were married last year, welcomed their first child, Ariella, in August. Cecilia left ICM in November to take up a new post at Christian Alliance International School. We have welcomed new director **Mike Shum** to the Board of ICM and bid farewell to **Chris Ponniah** 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.



Executive Director

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## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:

### Objectives

- to engage children to build strong relationships
- to provide age appropriate attractive bible teaching, through worship, drama, craft and games
- to provide a safe haven for children

### Saturday Kid's Club

Organized by **Dhan**, this lively time of worship, bible stories, activities and snacks is for **50+ children** from 3–10 years. It also provides opportunity to meet with mums who have a separate fellowship time – important as an outreach for our adult programmes. Kid's Club is a key programme for volunteers - using teams from our support churches each week.



### Vacation Bible School

**60 children** over 2 weeks come for craft, dance, worship, drama, stories to our centre which is decorated for the event. Involving all staff we also recruit **20 volunteers** from high schools and sponsor churches for this important and effective programme to reach out to new beneficiary families.



**Mentoring:** In addition, every week on Thursday's a team of 20 high school students from **American International School**, led by their teacher, Alan Lo, come to help our children with core subjects and then play some games. This has a great impact on both sides, allowing the international school community to see another side of life in Hong Kong and to encourage our children in their schooling and life choices.

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## YOUNG TEENS:

### Objectives

- to provide positive environment for young teens to feel accepted and valued
- to engage them in bible study, life discussion, sports and other fun activities
- to build new relationships and promote positive life choices.



**Friday Teen fellowship.** 10 young teens regularly attend this new programme which has become popular with them – thanks to Dhan Rai and long term volunteer Sarah Ng.

**Kingdom Warriors** planned and led by Emmanuel is our summer residential course for 18 young teens bringing them a new relationship with Jesus and impacting their relationships with their parents and peers

**Specially designed activities** including overnight camp at Wu Kai Sha, Dragon Boat training, and sports have attracted more than 20 young people from our community. Through counseling and regular personal contact, we strengthen relationships with young teens, especially those on the fringe of our reach.



*“Hi my name is Mamoon Gurung. I like to come to ICM because I have a chance to learn about true God. Also there are lots of good and fun activities. Not only that I am getting to know new friends I also learn how to build good friendship. I hope ICM will never stop teaching students and others about God. Maybe one day I will have a chance to teach others about God.”*



*“My name is Subin Pun, I am 15, I come to ICM because I want to know more about God and to make my mum feel happy. I learnt about ICM from Kingdom Warriors last August. ICM is fun because there are a lot of young members and not too many old people and I can speak more easily than at my church where adults speak only Nepali which I can't understand.”*



*“I am Manyata age 11. I used to come to Kid's club but now I like to come to teens because I have a great time with my friends and get to know the power of God. Coming to ICM I have a better understanding about the meaning of life, ICM gives opportunity to explore and meet with different people from different places.”*

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## YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS:

### Objectives

- to engage young people in worship, performing arts, discipleship training and mentoring
- to equip youth into a leadership culture
- to promote positive life choices, higher levels of personal responsibility and active participation in outreach to the community



(Left) engaged in creative work at the ICM centre.



(Above) Older teens at the weekend camp in Wu Kai Sha run by Cecilia and Emmanuel.

**Friday Fellowship** involves over 25 older teens and young adults in teaching, lively worship, friendship, counselling and sharing food.

**Youth fellowship** has an inclusive atmosphere where anyone coming from any background, especially those who struggle with addiction, can feel welcomed and accepted.

**Mentoring** - 10 young adults assist in the Kingdom Warrior residential camp held in the YWAM centre. Their input has such an impact upon our teens.

**Community Involvement** - our young adults lead worship and ministry in local Nepalese Churches. Furthermore our **Leadership training** from Emmanuel has resulted in 5 of our young adults heading up the city-wide **Nepali Combined Youth fellowship**.

The **"Inspired Exhibit"** hosted by St. Andrews Church in April provided youth and adults with an excellent opportunity to see biblical documents and hear about



the development of the Bible. Such events provide occasion for training and widening the reach of our young adult community,

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## ADULT PROGRAMMES

### Objectives

- to equip our adult community in practical and social skills
- to provide pastoral care and social service advice to adults and families
- to build relationships of trust with individuals to restore hope and self esteem
- to provide opportunities for community activities that are otherwise not available.

**Sewing workshops** run by **Dhupa** and **Jenny** involve **22 women** regularly on two afternoons per week making children's clothing and variety of articles including bags, hats and bed quilts. This programme has reached out to more than 150 women over the five years it has been running. The clothes, which they make to a very high quality, have been taken this year to needy children in Cambodia, Nepal, India, and Myanmar.



**Life skills programmes** give financial and social service advice to enable our families to raise their living standards.

**Parenting Classes** run in conjunction with the Child Development Centre provide an effective 7 week for **15 mums** with young children.

**Bible and theology teaching classes** give training to 20 participants involved in ministry leading

**Medical, immigration visits** Staff have assisted more than **100 adults** in attending medical clinics which support us by providing consultation and medication free of charge to those we assist.

### 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. These visits are often a time for her to share the Gospel message of hope with each individual.



Keeping a good record of these visits, Caroline reports that she taken **67 to the doctor** or to hospital for treatment; over **30 people have given their lives to Jesus** and have joined local churches and **4 baptized** recently in various Churches. She continues to use every opportunity to share the wonder of God's truth with our community,

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## OUTREACH AND MISSION

### Objectives

- to take the message of the Gospel of Grace to the South Asian community in local parks and streets
- to widen our reach to the local ethnic minority community
- to bring hope to those who live in the surrounding community
- to minister to the homeless and the broken



**Outreach** – With **Emmanuel**, our young adults form the core part of our teams in street evangelism and Christmas celebration

**Christmas celebration** in Saigon St. Park, involving our youth and children in dance, drama, Nepalese songs and carols and the gospel message remains an important event reaching **300 men women and children** in our local Saigon Street Park. This year was marked with an excellent drama that seemed to draw in so many children to the message of salvation. Besides this there are other times during the year when staff and youth go out to minister to those on the streets and in local parks.

Our **Tuesday 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.



## OVERALL MINISTRY IMPACT

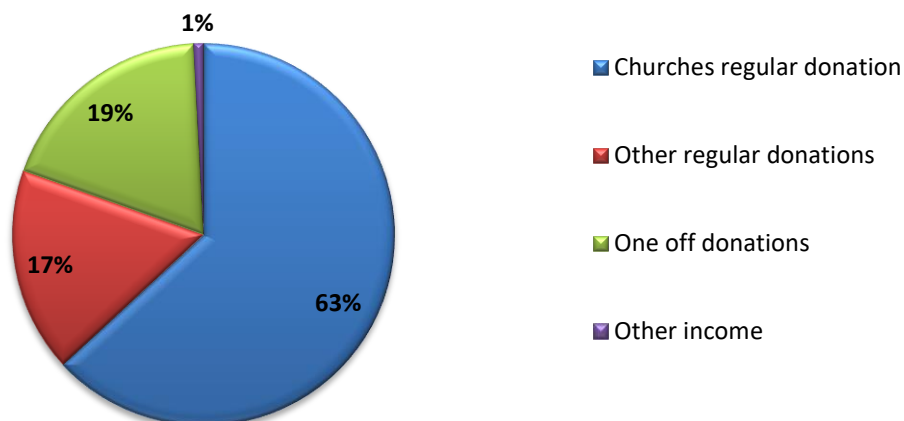


ICM reaches out to **ENGAGE** people in Hong Kong who are easily ignored. We actively demonstrate God's love in ALL aspects of what we do and it is this to which people are constantly drawn. Our staff gives unreservedly of their time, welcoming all, patiently phoning round to encourage people and equipping 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 our young adults, many who stay with us, and some who marry and have children!

We **EQUIP** in our programmes and through them bring hope which is not a normal feature of our South Asian Community in the unforgiving culture of Hong Kong's low economic groups. Often robbed of any sense of purpose - our women have turn up regularly for classes and sewing training because they have been encouraged in seeing the outcome of their work providing for the very needy. Our 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.

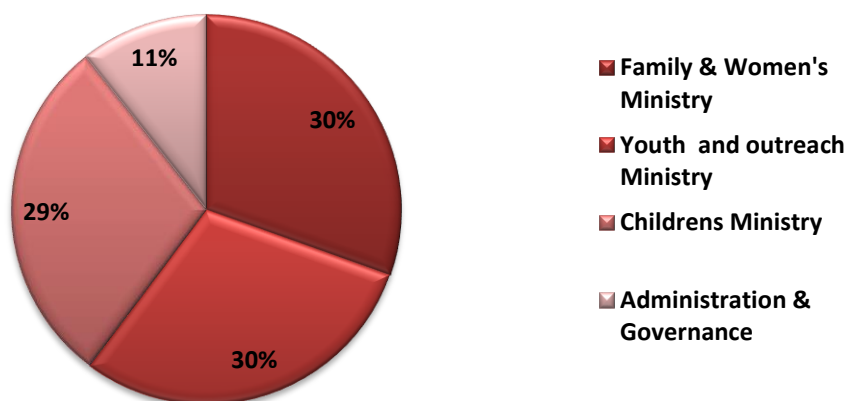
**FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

**Inner City Ministries 2017 - Income**



Church regular donation	<b>1,111,584</b>
Other regular donations	<b>303,950</b>
Other donations	<b>330,841</b>
Other income	<b>13,848</b>
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	<b>1,760,223</b>

**ICM 2017 Expenditure by ministry**



Family & women's ministry	<b>563,610</b>
Youth and outreach ministry	<b>552,000</b>
Children's ministry	<b>540,000</b>
Administration & governance	<b>196,862</b>
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	<b>1,852,472</b>



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<b>American International School</b>	<b>Jubilee Ministries</b>
<b>Barefoot Love</b>	<b>Kowloon International Baptist Church</b>
<b>Brentwood Baptist Church USA</b>	<b>Light of Hope Foundation</b>
<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<b>KGV School</b>
<b>Clearwater Bay Baptist Church</b>	<b>Matilda Sedan Chair Charities Fund</b>
<b>Christian Alliance International School</b>	<b>Medical staff at Mei Foo Clinic</b>
<b>Community Church Hong Kong</b>	<b>Methodist International Church</b>
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<b>Christian Short Term Missions</b>	<b>Watermark Community Church</b>
<b>Hope for All Church</b>	<b>Youth With a Mission</b>
<b>International Baptist Church</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!**

