



2023 Annual Ministry Report



Psalm 33:11

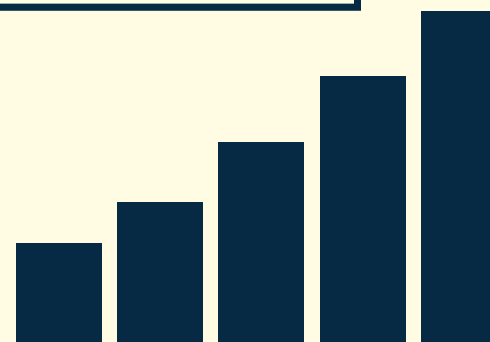
The plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations.





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From Director's Desk

As you look at photos, read ministry reports and view statistics, it is our hope that you will be inspired. We have been as encouraged as we put these blessings together and heard from our ministry leaders about what God is doing in their ministries. There is much to be grateful for, and certainly, we are grateful for each one of you as you contribute to the work of Inner City Ministry.

On a personal note, we thank you for the incredible support we have received from you all. We love our community here, and we are grateful for the way you love and care for us as well. We honour our board members, staff and volunteer teams for the way they embrace our ideas, challenge our thinking and passionately support the vision and mission of Inner City Ministries. We can't wait for 2024, as we celebrate 30 years of God's faithfulness towards Inner City Ministry and look forward to all that is to come!

Emmanuel Lepcha
Executive Director
Inner City Ministries



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

2023 STATISTICS

AND IMPACTS

YOUR SUPPORT HAS ENABLED US TO ACHIVE OUR GOAL

MORE THAN **1000** PEOPLE HAVE HEARD THE GOSPEL AND 28 PEOPLE HAVE ACCEPTED JESUS AS THEIR PERSONAL SAVIOUR AND LORD.

4800 KILOS OF RICE HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED AMONGST STREET CLEANERS.

120 HOURS OF COUNSELLING PROGRAM TO RECOVER BROTHERS (DRUG REHABILITATION CENTRE).

MORE THAN **120** PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

160 HOURS OF SEWING WORKSHOP.

OVER **150** KIDS HAVE JOINED OUR KID'S PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

OVER **100K** FOOD VOUCHERS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO NEEDY AND UNEMPLOYED FAMILIES.

OVER **96** HOURS OF FREE TUTORING AND MENTORING PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR OUR YOUTH.

OVER **200** MEALS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE PEOPLE LIVING UNDER FLY-OVER (DOWNTOWN)

OVER **190** HOURS OF BABY-SITTING DURING SEWING WORKSHOP.

OVER **100** PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED DENTAL ASSISTANCE.

35 HOURS OF SAILING TRAINING PROGRAM.

OVER **150** HOURS OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AND SPORTS PROGRAM.

OVER **20** FAMILIES HAVE RECEIVED RENTAL AND MEDICAL ALLOWANCES.

MORE THAN **600** VOLUNTEERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OUR VARIOUS PROGRAMS.

OVER **61** PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE IN HOSPITALS, PRIVATE CLINICS, IMMIGRATION AND SOCIAL-WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

32 HOURS OF CANTONESE LESSONS.

OVER **1500** STUDENTS HAVE BEEN MINISTERED TO DURING OUR HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH.

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SEWING MINISTRY

Our sewing ministry commenced in February 2012, and since that time 500 people have attended with 80% of attendees being from the community. Some have joined as a result of their connection with parents through our Saturday kid's club or other programs, but primarily members are invited to join by those attending the group. The Sewing Group is very welcoming and family oriented. Some come just to explore and listen to the word of God while others knit. Some are very skilled while others come to learn from other members of the group.



Jaimashi everyone,

I Nanda am extremely happy to be a part of the ICM (Inner City Ministry) family. I am grateful for the ICM family because they also accepted me just the way I am.

Before joining ICM I had very little knowledge about managing a kitchen, family as well as many other aspects of my life. In fact, sewing was never part of my life, but by the grace of God, ICM has opened the door for me to learn so that I am now able to teach other ladies. Still, I am learning and teaching at the same time with the great help from our beloved Jenny Didi who is always there ready to teach me patiently, even though I make many mistakes in the sewing process.

In the year 2022-2023 we have 25 women who have participated in the sewing ministry. There are fifteen in the junior and ten women in the senior group who have registered. Due to various reasons one or two women were unable to join the sewing ministry. Though sewing seems small when we hear about it, it has brought a huge impact on women who have taken part in the sewing ministry. As they testify that before they didn't even know how to mend tattered clothes with a needle but after coming to ICM for sewing, now they feel easy to carry small stuff in their own house, for example, to make an apron, stitch bed sheets, pillow covers, baby clothes, curtains, pencil-cases and cushion-covers etc. But most important of all, is that they feel good to listen to the Word of God and receive the joy of our Lord Jesus.

These women who attended ICM's sewing ministry have increased confidence to speak in public as well as at the Christmas celebration that they had the courage to dance on the stage even it was the first time dancing in their life, they felt so much joy during the Christmas Celebration. They are very open to share their feelings and seek prayers from the ICM staff. They feel a sense of belonging and a second home. That's why they love to drop by anytime they feel like, even if there is not any program in ICM. Still, I have been learning many things from the sewing ministry and in the future, I shall be teaching what I have learned.

I would like to thank each and every person that has been supporting ICM Sewing ministry through prayers and opening their hearts in providing various materials.

Thank you.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY REPORT



In April 2023, our youth director has a serious health issues due to failure in both of his kidneys, and had to go to Nepal for transplant. It was really a challenging moment for his family and for us as staff as well. However, by God's grace we were able to launch some young adults' program with the help of our hard working staff and volunteers. Mini Discipleship training program is one of the significant programs that have brought a huge impact in the lives of our young adults. Especially to those who are struggling with mental health issues and addictions. Many have encountered Jesus and found the meaning of life.

DOWN TOWN MINISTRY (Ministry to recovery brothers)

Addiction is a problem that can be both public and hidden. There are those on the streets who are obviously suffering. Then there are others who go unnoticed, but just beneath the surface are spinning in chaos. Likely, the problem of addiction exists in our community, and it's probably a bigger issue than we realize.

Ministering to addicts is tough. For every success story, there are 100 failures. Just when you think recovery is about to begin, addiction sweeps a person away again.

In Inner City Ministries, once every month we go to see our brothers and sisters living under the flyover and footbridge to provide food and counselling. Besides, we go to visit our recovery brothers in drug rehabilitation center twice every month. We were able to provide over 120 hours counselling program, visits and medical assistance. Two brothers got baptized and over 30 brothers have given their lives to Jesus.



THANK YOU FOR THIS NEW LIFE - A MESSAGE FROM BIMAL GURUNG



In 2017, I was diagnosed with IgA nephropathy, a rare disease that causes kidney damage when our immune system produces antibodies in our kidneys.

Last year, my kidney condition worsened, leading to my urgent hospitalization for dialysis. It was a heavy and overwhelming situation, given my desperate need for a kidney donor. But by the grace of God, my mother turned out to be the ideal match for me. Despite this hopeful element, it was an incredibly tough period for my family and me. We had to go through several medical check-ups, navigate complex legal procedures, and handle the financial burden that came with it. In this challenging time of my life, the support and prayers from Inner City Ministries greatly aided us in our kidney transplant journey in Nepal. Their assistance extended not just to financial matters but also in caring for my family in Hong Kong.

I am forever grateful to all the donors and supporters of Inner City Ministries for your selflessness and generosity. The impact of your donation goes beyond just the financial support; it has given me a second chance at life.

May the good Lord bless you and enrich you a thousand fold!



➤➤ MOMS IN PRAYER (WOMEN'S MINISTRY)

Moms in prayer ministry provides a place for women to gather together, build friendships, give support and care, encourage learning and share the love of Christ with each other. This year we were able to host two days of women's conference in our centre. There were guest speakers each day with a variety of topics based on four areas: Power of prayer, fiery love of God, Identity as a daughter of God and Intimacy.



COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY

"Come and see what God has done"..." Come let us rejoice in Him." Psalm 66:5-6

First of all, I would like to praise and thank God for what He has done and He is doing. Isaiah 41:4..." Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, The Lord with the first of them and with the last" - I am He."

I want to thank God and you all my family in Christ Jesus for letting me share the goodness of God in this land of living. I bring this good news for you all as how our God whom we all serve faithfully calls us all to rejoice, because our Father is a rewarder.

When Jesus walked on the street of Galilee, He preached the Kingdom of God, teaching about eternal life, forgiving sin, healing and providing food, etc. As we do the same, He has promised that He is with us and He will do through us. I was invited to the UK this summer by our brothers and sisters who came to know the Lord through ICM here in HK. Some of them had worked in ICM as well. Many times we used to hear there is not much fellowship for various reasons. But how they heard the gospel here and followed up with them, they are doing the same in the UK. A few names to share are Dhan, Dhupa, Niki, and Shyama(Lydia) serving The Lord in their areas. When I visited them they invited their non-believer friends, prepared food, and asked me to share the gospel. Some of their friends had accepted the Lord and they followed them up a few months later some of them got baptised.



Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.
Psalm 126:5

Not only in their own Nepali community but also at the Church they actively help in Sunday school and refreshments and listening and befriending with those who are lonely.

I met a group of young boys on the street. They greet me saying "Jai Mashi" aunty, which means "Praise Massiah" in Nepali. They used to come to ICM for Kids Club and Teens fellowship. They said, they still remember the songs and some Bible verses they learned in ICM. One of them invited me to see his new-born baby and pray for him.



I would like to highlight a group of families with whom we shared the gospel in Chung King Mansion. Three families from that group got baptized and attended the local Church in their area.

This year they did a Christmas outreach, cooked some delicacies, and invited their non-believers to the Church. The local church has provided the venue. So, they all work and labour together for the lost souls to bring them to the kingdom of God. It reminds me of "Psalm 133:1, how good it is for brothers and sisters to work together in Unity to extend His Kingdom. Through Home fellowship, they have encouraged those backsliders, who were not going to the Church or any fellowship since they are in the UK.



I thank God that we are called to the great commission of Jesus to preach, teach disciples, and seek the Lost, so they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus. Acts 26:18,

At present, as we continue to share gospel ministering to our ladies at sewing class, some of them are drawing closer to God and want to follow Jesus by getting baptized. We have the privilege to pray with them and teach them to pray for their children through the Moms In Prayers fellowship every Friday.

All Glory to The Almighty God, Who was and Is and Is to Come".

Thank you and God bless you all.

Caroline Simick

Family and Community Care Ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

As the needs of the children and their families change, so do the available tools and strategies that we use to reach and teach them about Jesus. Through the example of Jesus as a role model in every area of life, we want to assist children in undergoing a genuine transformation of character. This year, God provided many opportunities for us to move towards this vision and we praise Him for that.



Despite a summer filled with transition, the children accepted the new group with open arms. Honestly, they are a sweet group to work with and I'm thankful for all the volunteers who have impacted through their presence. We look forward to continuing to provide the children with the same love and mentoring they have been receiving. We've been able to do so by providing a safe and encouraging environment, as well as teaching the children about Jesus and His character.

We are excited to see what the future holds for these children. Towards the beginning of the year 2023 we are able to form a new partnership with Kids4Christ from the Vine church. This provided our kids with an opportunity to visit their church and watch how their hospitality was used to serve those in need.

Sometimes kids' club is full of surprises, and this time we had a guest magician from Singapore who was kind enough to host a free show for our kids. This gospel magic show was intended to present the Christian good news through visual parables. The kids loved it and I myself was having a blast. Using this approach, I believe the kids were able to understand and contour some of the stories from the Bible, which has a lasting effect.

Celebrating Easter with the kids and their parents was also very memorable. Community Church HK not only provided us with the venue but with their manpower as well. As a result we had a bigger space and involvement of 50-60 families making this Easter Gospel programs a hit. That's what I love about the Christian community and the faithfulness of God.



VBS 2023



All these series of measures perfectly aligned with the preparation of the Vacation Bible School. Surely our summer is filled with back-to-back programs, but I was reminded that ministry's not an option for a Christian, but a privilege. Being able to be aware of the needs in our community and being willing to step in and help, it's a privilege to serve others and share God's love. Hence, the theme of "Shine Jesus' Light" fitted perfectly at that time. We had over 60 kids joined our VBS program this year.

Another blessing came to us in a disguise. The Family outing to Noah's Ark was a huge success and this was the first massive outing after a long time due to covid. The parents were sharing with me that they felt it quite refreshing to be able to go out with all the community. So once again, whenever there is a need, I personally have seen the needs being reached. Witnessing such grace from God strengthens my faith and once more motivates me to do what I do.



During the Christmas community program, most of the kids performed and especially the parents of the ones who did the Nepali cultural dance shared that they felt proud of their kids. The reason being, growing up in Hong Kong does not give them a good deal of opportunity to soak in with their own culture, music and dance. I felt like this could also be an encouragement for the kids to participate more in the future programs. It is humbling to be in the presence of such overwhelming joy, and I am reminded that God is always working to bring joy and hope to those in need.



Sora Rai
Kid's ministry.

● YOUTH MINISTRY

Colossians 3:17 NLT

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

I'm grateful to God as He continues to provide us wisdom and guidance to lead the Youth of ICM, as their leader and big brother in Christ. It is a blessing to be able to watch their growth flourish in many aspects of their life. It is such a joy to be able to lead and serve these Youth together as they discover their purpose in life.

Beginning of 2023:

With a fresh start of the New Year 2023, our Youth had hope of new opportunities, to gain experiences from them, and most importantly to experience God's love and hope for them.

It was a rocky start to the year as a few of them had struggled to commit their time to come to ICM as they would be starting their exams after their Christmas break.

As the months went by quickly our Youth had the opportunity to share the gospel of God's Love with a small skit during our Easter Outreach Program in April, and it was the first time for many of them to step out of their shyness and comfort zone. However many were blessed on that day to receive the Good news by our Youth as actions speak louder than words can ever explain. It takes a lot of courage to step forward and display God's love to strangers, and even their friends are encouraged by them.



First Summer with Youths:

We were so very grateful to God as He opened the path to run our Summer Program **"KINGDOM WARRIORS"** to our Youth in 2023, as the main theme was **"JOURNEY TO FREEDOM"**, and we were looking forward to seeing them learn how walking with God can bring freedom in their lives, and there were doubts in the beginning as a few of them were not free from school as they needed to attend their extracurricular activities.

However, by God's grace, we had a total of 13 participants and 4 volunteers who joined and which brought out a fruitful outcome for our Youth. They went home with an open heart to learn more about who God is and how He walks with them in their Journey to Freedom.

Young Curious Hearts

Ephesians 1:11 NLT

Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

God wants to be our personal friend; He is always knocking on the door of our hearts to let Him in. Arina and Lilisa who are two best friends who grew up in our ICM Kid's Club are now big Youth and they have stepped forward to seek who God is in their lives, they opened their hearts to serving in our regular Kid's Club program, volunteering in our Summer Program "VBS" 2023 and playing vital roles for a skit in all our family outreach programs, they also occasionally help me keep their peers in check!

I'm excited to see how much God has in plan for these two Youth and their friends in 2024 as I'm sure that He will open up new opportunities for them to be closer to Him and to walk for His Kingdom.

Psalms 103:2 NLT

Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

Throughout the year, in all the programs that we have participated in, God has delivered and provided these Youth with opportunities to learn new skills and blessings that flow every single day, most importantly God has shown them how much He cares for them and that His love for them is never-ending. However, this year God has opened the doors for our youth to learn new skills. We got this tremendous opportunity to learn the basic skills of sailing. It was challenging yet fun for our kids. In addition to that we were able to provide after-school tutoring with the help of teachers and volunteers. Currently we have 10-12 high school students coming regularly.

As a new chapter unfolds for these Youth, it's exciting to see how God will unravel their life and how He will push these Youths to do great things for His Kingdom, please continue to keep our ministry in your prayers as they are a fragile soul in a big world that is not kind at all times, it is only in God that they can find comfort and love.

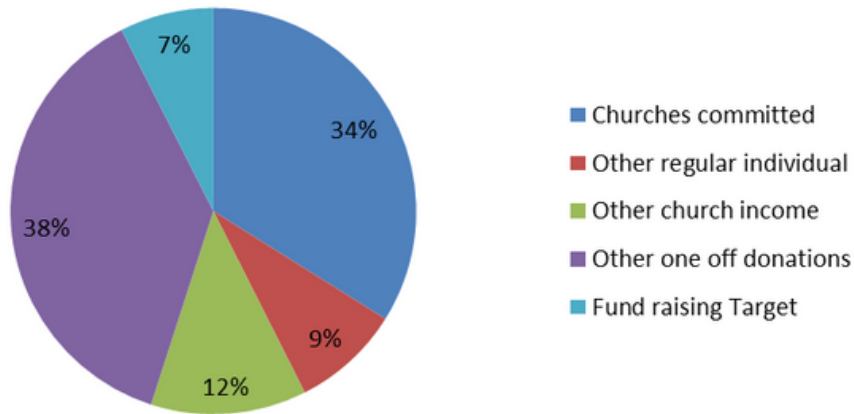
Meanwhile, we are reaching out to high school students in various schools. We have a variety of events and gatherings throughout the year where we'll be able to connect with other high schoolers, have some fun, and have a chance to share the gospel. Through this, we are able to build a trusting relationship and lead them to Christ. Many of whom are attending regular youth programs and some have participated in our summer discipleship training school in 2023.

Yabesh Pulami Magar **Youth Ministry**



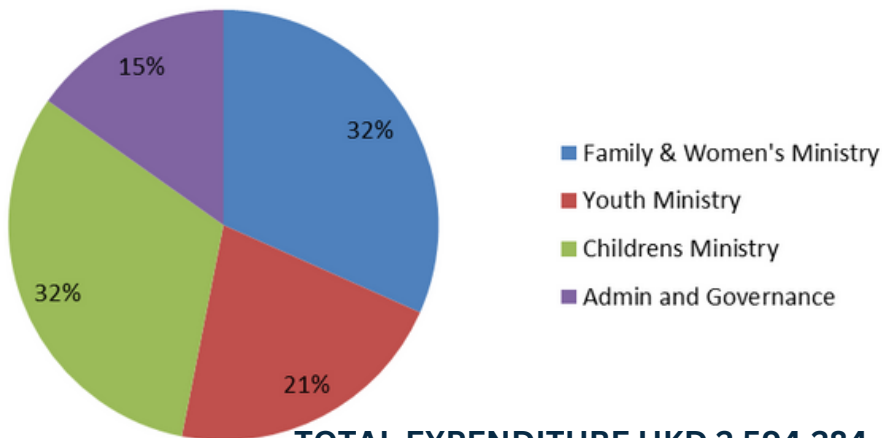
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Inner City Ministries total income 2023



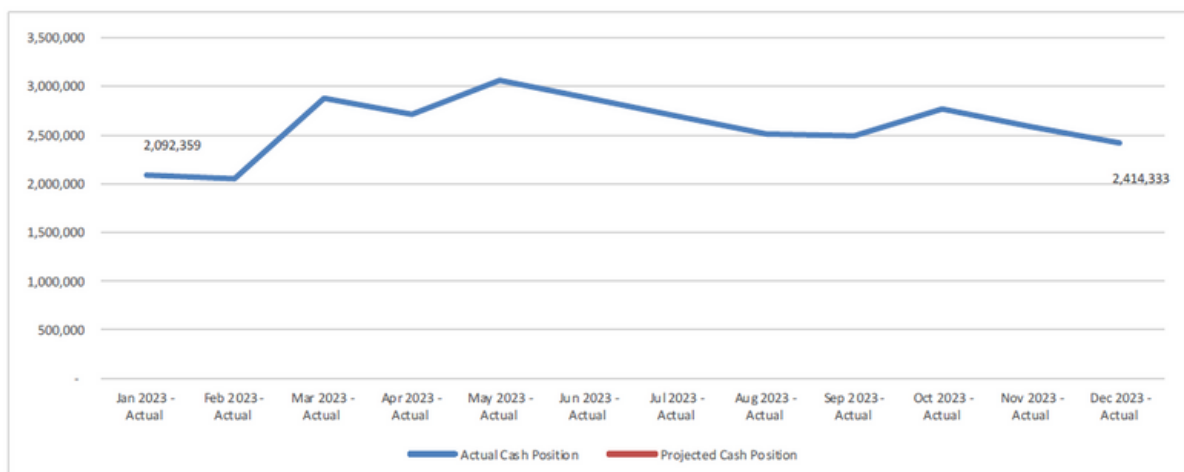
TOTAL INCOME 2023 HKD 3,200,447

Inner City Ministries total expenditure 2023



TOTAL EXPENDITURE HKD 2,594,284

Cash Flow Forecast Graph



OUR PARTNERS

- Alliance International Church
- Bethel High School
- Boxes Of Hope
- Clearwater Bay International Baptist Church
- Christian Alliance International School
- C & MA Hebron Church
- Community Church HK
- Concordia Lutheran School NP
- Cornerstone HK
- Dr. Kai Yum Cheung Mission Foundation
- Dr. Ma Mei Foo Clinic
- Evangelical Free Church of China Int.
- Favor Motor
- Good Ideas Catering
- Hearty Dental Care Center - Dr. Si Ling Pang
- Harvest Mission Community Church
- Int. Fellowship of Christian short term mission
- Island Evangelical Community Church
- Kowloon International Baptist Church
- Kwai Wah Shan College
- Mums in Prayer International
- Pentecostal Church of HK (Tai Po)
- P&P Management Services Limited
- Roche Diagnostics Hong Kong Limited
- Resurrection Church
- St. Andrew's Church
- The Harbor Church
- Union Church HK
- The Vine Church
- Watermark Community Church
- YWAM Harbor City

With your support, resources and the encouragement, we've accomplished a lot together. Your gifts and prayers made this possible. Once again thank you so much.