

INNER CITY MINISTRIES MINISTRY REPORT

Winter 2020



WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED 2021

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

Despite of all the challenges 2020 presented, Inner City Ministries carried on with its mission as usual. When we started 2020 a year ago no one could have foreseen the challenges our community was about to face. The COVID-19 pandemic and social unrest brought about economic, social and political disruption unlike any we have seen in our lifetime. However, we know that none of these trials are outside the sovereignty of God. In fact, we believe the Lord prepared Inner City Ministries to serve the most needy and vulnerable people at such a time as this. By His grace, we reached out to more people than ever before and our outreach ministry continues to expand. This is a celebration of all the work that you've enabled through your generosity in support and prayers. We are grateful to God for you, and we acknowledge your great contribution towards this ministry.

Once again, wishing you all a healthy and blessed 2021.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Christmas is a time for joy and celebrations but this year we were not able to celebrate physically because of COVID-19 restrictions. Instead, we held an online Christmas event for our community and kids. During the celebration they enjoyed Christmas songs, dance, drama and a message of hope. Other than this online event we also achieved the following:

- Over hundreds of kids from our community received Christmas gifts
- Kitchen appliances and other household stuff provided for moms as Christmas gifts
- Food, masks and blankets distributed amongst the people living under the flyovers
- Warm shawls, masks, food and gospel tracks distributed to street cleaners in Jordan and Yau Ma Tei area.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
Hebrew 13:16

Due to COVID-19 Hong Kong has been living with many social restrictions for a long time which presents many challenges to the vulnerable and low income families in our community. The economic and social disruption caused by the pandemic is devastating: hundreds of families are at risk of falling into extreme poverty. 60% of the families from our community had their main breadwinner lose their job and is leading some of them into depression. With the help of our donors and supporters, ICM is providing them these families with food vouchers. These provide a family with groceries for 15-20 days. We have given out over 100k worth of vouchers to the families in need.

Namaste and Jaimashi!

My name is Guman Gurung, family of 4. Jobless since January 2020. With the hard hit of protests and pandemic in the town; my family and I have had a really hard time. Fortunately, I had an opportunity to know about ICM and it's services to those in need. ICM had been providing all of our basic fundamental needs since I have met them. The vouchers for groceries have been a great help. I really appreciate the wonderful family of ICM and their great helping heart, hand and soul. During this time I heard the gospel and accepted Jesus as my personal saviour. Not only have we received for our physical needs but we received spiritual and emotional support as well. I thank Lord Jesus for showering such blessings upon us.



- Over 100 families have received the food vouchers
- Around 125 students have received electronic devices (tablet/laptop) to support their online learning
- 24 people accepted Jesus as their personal saviour since January 2020
- Over hundreds of families received one-on-one counselling and/or fellowship during the pandemic

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Lord has richly blessed us in so many ways, but we could not expand as we have and as we desired without ministry friends like you. We have been reaching out to some individual brothers and sisters who are going through difficulties and addiction. We would like to tell you a few of these beautiful stories of how God has been faithful and working through this ministry. We really want to acknowledge that all this would not have been possible without your prayer and support.



Hi, my Name is Suman (in the middle). I'm a recovered drug addict. By the grace of God, I am clean and sober for more than a year. This is possible because of the support ICM has provided me through my recovery and transition process. Some of you may not be aware but as ex-addicts there are few places where we can belong but I'm grateful for brothers and sisters in ICM. I can say with certainty that I belong in ICM.

In ICM I feel like I'm part of a family. Since my initial phase of struggling with my recovery life till now I have been getting immense support and counselling. This support has helped me to stay persistent in moving forward despite the highs and lows of my life. I have been able to confront and tackle my problems , and I'm really grateful to have my spiritual life nurtured beyond my expectations as I never even knew this existed. I Heartily honour the genuine and unending help, love, support and care from brother Emmanuel, Bimal and ICM as a whole.

Hi! My name is Jaya. I was introduced to ICM by one of my friends. The first time I came to ICM for the moms-in-prayer group I felt so peaceful when sister Caroline prayed for my family. At that time my son was taking some medication for his chronic skin disease. I was so worried about my son but in ICM they taught us to pray over our worries and our children. As a group we started praying for my son and within a few months he started getting better and later became completely healed. Through this, I started learning more about Jesus and eventually I accepted Jesus as my personal saviour in ICM. I thank God for bringing me into this beautiful, loving and caring family.



PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray for families who have lost their loved ones in the fire incident last month. Pray that God will open doors for us to provide comfort and love to them.
- 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 for 2021.
- 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 this past year. Continue to pray for God's great provision.
- 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 all the new families and individuals who have heard the Gospel during this Christmas so 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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