

## **INNER CITY MINISTRIES**

**LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS (MARK 12:30-31)** 



Being a part of Inner City Ministry is truly a great blessing. The love, care and compassion surrounding the community is something that makes me very proud as a leader. We strive to love God boundlessly and others unconditionally, meaning our goal is to put our relationship with God first and to love others as God calls us to. We also put the needs of others before the needs of ourselves. Doing this builds unity, community and strengthens the body of Christ.

Moreover, As I am entering the 7<sup>th</sup> year of my Executive Director's role, I strongly felt the need to take some time off and go on my sabbatical break. I will be away from July to September. During my sabbatical, I aim to spend more time with my family and to spend time seeking God's heart for my future, which will contribute notably to my personal and professional development. During my absence, I have taken steps to ensure a seamless transition. I am grateful to our board of directors for allowing this time of rest and reflection by pledging to look after the staff and the ministry. Thank you for continuously journeying with ICM and I appreciate your understanding during this time of rest for myself and change for the rest of the staff and ministry.

In the past five months we have witnessed many life transformations and direct or indirect impact through our various care programs. Before my leave begins, as per my usual practice, I want to share a few glimpses of God's amazing work happening in our community.

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## **MINISTRY UPDATES**

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

In the past five months, we have reached more than 400 street cleaning workers with rice bags and other essential supplies. It was just a small gesture but our goal is to build a trusting relationship so we can share the love of God. As a result, many of the workers have started coming to our center and taking part in our special events. Whenever we walk through the street, they always stop to shake our hands and greet us.



#### **FAMILY SPORTS DAY**

On the 4<sup>rth</sup> of April, we organized a big family sports day event. The main purpose of this event was to bring family members together for family bonding time through various sports and fun games. As those of us with children know, it can be a big struggle to have time like this together as a family. Over 60 families from the community joined the event and are requesting more similar events. We are very grateful to Mr. Richard Vanderpyl and Christian Alliance International School for allowing us to use the rooftop soccer pitch. And I am thankful to all our staff and volunteer team. It would not have been possible without you all.



<u>Proverbs 22:6</u> Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.



# PARENTING CLASSES

We have run two sessions of parenting classes on "Understanding Child's Behaviour". The classes were taught by Mrs. Gill Wu, the Assistant Kindergarten Principal from ICS. Over 20 parents participated in the parenting courses, and we were overwhelmed by the questions and curiosity of the parents as some of the parents were struggling to handle their child/children's behavior. It was well-received, and we are planning to do more in the coming future.



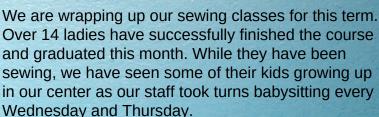
# **EASTER GOSPEL PROGRAM**

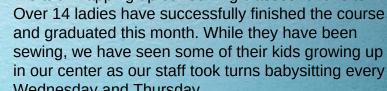
As always, Easter is a great opportunity for us to engage our kids, youth and family members in various performances for the Easter Gospel Program. We have successfully delivered the message of the cross and Christs' resurrection to over 120 family members this year. We are very thankful to Community Church Hong Kong for opening their space for us to run this event.





### **SEWING CLASSES**





#### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

We live in a world where we are often nonstop running from one thing to the next and with constant distractions from our surroundings and social media. For this reason, we have established Saturday evening youth fellowship for 10-16-year-olds. We aim for them to take some extended time in prayer and studying God's word, putting aside the distractions of life and tuning into what God wants to do in their hearts and minds. Practically, we also encourage our youth to bring their homework and to ask for help if they are struggling with their studies. Every Wednesday evening, we have some enthusiastic volunteer teachers from international churches helping our youth with their studies and mentoring them about life.

## **SAILING WITH PASSION**



Once again we got this big opportunity to join the sailing training program provided by "Sailability Hong Kong". This program is designed to take our youth out on the ocean where they learn basic sailing skills. Also helping them to grow in endurance, teamwork and discipline. 8 kids have joined the program this year. On 12th of July, parents will be joining their kids to sail. The kids will be greatly encouraged to have their parents sailing with them and also a chance for parents to be proud of what their children have learnt.



## **→ KID'S MINISTRY**

Beside Kid's Club we have organized various other fun activities to engage our community kids. With the help and support from some of our well-wishers. we were able take our kids to "Playdot" in Lee garden on 25<sup>th</sup> of Jan. They enjoyed the indoor play room and had great fun with their parents.





On 1<sup>st</sup> of February we took our kids to join the interactive soap art workshop and it is designed for kids to learn that sustainable living is fun. They explored their creativity and enriched themselves with this playful hands-on edutainment event.

On 31<sup>st</sup> of May, we held the workshop called "Flower animal pot". In this workshop our kids have learned to make dried flowers. Thank you to Mrs. Ivy Cheung and her daughter Natalie for arranging all of these workshops for our community children.



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### **YOUNG ADULT**

Though our young adult ministry is growing immensely, they are determined to reach even more young people. To do this, we partnered with Bethel High School and Concordia School in North Point to do outreach in their school. In the past five months, over 300 students have heard the Gospel and some of them have become an active member of our young adult's ministry.



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### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Our women's ministry is growing every year. Moms from different family back ground gather every Friday afternoon in our center to pray for their kids and family. It is so heartwarming to welcome these moms with food and fellowship. A few street cleaner ladies have joined our moms in prayer fellowship as well.



# BROTHER'S FELLOWSHIP

I strongly feel that God has called me to work with our brothers and sisters who are caught up in drugs. In my recent visit to rehabilitation center and Brother's fellowship, I have witnessed God's amazing work in their lives. Very recently, one brother has given his life to Christ and decided to follow Jesus. Quite often we do visit the area under the Foot Bridge and flyover, where lots of souls have been dying because of the drugs. We are able to provide cooked food and counselling to those in need.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND PRAYER POINTS**

Pray for our upcoming events. We are very excited to see God's amazing plan in this summer as we are planning to reach out the age from 3 years old to 60 years old.

 VBS WEEK 1 (Vacation bible school) starting from 21<sup>st</sup> July – 25<sup>th</sup> July (K1-K3).

 VBS WEEK 2 starting from 28<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> Aug (P1 – P4).

 Mini Discipleship training camp (Age: 16 years and above) starting from 10<sup>th</sup> of Aug – 16<sup>th</sup> of Aug.

Kingdom warriors camp (Age: 10 years to 15 years) starting from 17<sup>th</sup> Au – 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug.

Pray for more volunteers to sign up. May these
events be a life-changing experience for our
kids, youth, young adults and volunteers as
well. Pray for the protection over any lies and
discouragement from enemies. May the Holy
Spirit will bring the spirit of unity to fulfil His will
during this summer.





- Violin classes in July: This summer music program is designed to target the kids who have a desire to learn music but can't afford the private classes.
   We will have around 8 students this time. Pray that this event will allow us to build the relationship with the kids and with their family as well.
- Pray for our Women's Retreat, which is happening on 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Pray
  for the hearts of those who are preparing to attend this event so that God
  will open doors for them. Also, pray for our speakers to have wisdom and
  guidance from the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for our staff that everything goes well during my sabbatical break.
   Pray that this sabbatical break will draw me closer to God so that i can spend time meditating His word.