INNER CITY MINISTRIES
ICM 2018年報
FROM DIRECTOR’S DESK
總幹事的話

Dear friends,

I am excited to reflect on this past year’s activities as I finished up as the Youth and Outreach Ministry Director and to share the vision for the future of Inner City Ministries (ICM) as the new Executive Director. I am honoured that God has trusted me with the important task of leading the organization into this next chapter.

I was born and raised up in the northeast region of India where I grew up as a missionary kid in the midst of different cultures and languages. Little did I know that God was preparing me for the work that would come 30 odd years later in Hong Kong where I would be working among the people with those similar cultural backgrounds.

In 2012, I came to Hong Kong through YWAM (Youth with a Mission) for training as a missionary and have continued to stay in Hong Kong to do God’s work. My wife Cecilia and I also met here in Hong Kong. God has also blessed our family with Ariella, our playful 19-month-old daughter.

As the new Executive Director, my immediate goals are to develop the existing programmes of ICM, encourage staff creativity in programme planning, improve partnerships in the community and preserve good relationship with our partner churches and individuals.

I look forward to working alongside you to make a difference in the lives of those we serve and to bring life transformation through the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

I would also like to recognize the tremendous effort put forth by staff and board - an amazing group of talented people who make our organization what it is today. Their collective skills and passion are unmatched, and I appreciate their dedication to our work and look forward to leading the organization into a bright future alongside them.

Emmanuel Lepcha
Executive Director
Inner City Ministries, Hong Kong

親愛的朋友

我很榮幸報告去年我為青年及外展宣教事工所作之活動及分享我作為 ICM 新任總幹事之未來抱負。我很榮幸神的信任，交托這個領導新一頁的重責。我出生並成長於印度東北山區，是一個處於多元文化及語言中間的一個基督徒小子，不知道神預備了我三十多年後才到香港去服務一群相類似文化背景的人。

2012年我經 YWAM（負有使命的青年）的關係來到香港，受訓以事奉工，並繼續留在香港作神的工。我亦在此與我的妻子 Cecilia 相識，神賜福我的家庭及我19個月大的淘氣女兒 Ariella。作為新任總幹事，當前是務必發展 ICM 現有的活動，增強同工的活動組織能力，增強社區的合作關係及維持與合作教會及個人的良好關係。

我期望與你們同工，使我們的和諧事奉為轉化生命的人創造了神的生命。我們希望大家付出巨大力量的同工及事奉會，一起滿滿感謝的人使 ICM 有今日的成就，他們的能力為世界是無可匹敵的。我十分感謝他們的付出並期望與他們攜手一同帶領 ICM 達向更光明的明天。

Emmanuel Lepcha
總幹事
Inner City Ministry
香港
**OUR VISION**

*To be a practical* and supportive community that brings practical Christian ministry to its members and stakeholders.

成為可帶給信眾及持份者實踐基督生命的一個踏實及可靠的教會。

*To bring the message* of hope to our community by providing opportunities to learn, support to make positive life choices, and encouragement through Christian discipleship.

將盼望的福音傳給社群，以基督門徒使命提供學習、支援，作正面生命抉擇及鼓勵的機會。

*To bring effective* lasting transformation through Christian Ministry expressed in care programmes, education and vocational training.

於護顧、教育及職業培訓等活動中表達基督教義使生命轉化更有效及持久。

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**Inner City Ministries currently has 6 different ministries of focus.**

Inner City Ministries 現集中於以下六個事工
1. Children Ministry
Our main focus is to engage children and build strong relationships. Using programmes like Cantonese classes, tuition for preschool aged kids and child care for sewing class mothers we are able to attract families to bring their children to ICM. Through these outreach tools we then invite them to join our age appropriate and attractive Bible teaching through worship, drama, crafts and games. These teachings happen through our Saturday Kid’s Club and summer week-long Bible day camp.

2. Teens Ministry
After many years of being in Kid’s Club, kids find themselves growing out of the activities. Therefore, we decided to upgrade them through a simple graduation process and created a teen’s group. We do teen’s fellowship every Friday Night from 6:30-8:30pm. Weaving different sports and other fun outdoor activities in between Bible studies and life discussions, it gives the varied programmes that teens enjoy and keeps them engaged. In summer we hold a one-week camp called Kingdom Warriors. During this week, teens are transported away from the distractions of the city to spend time learning about making better life choices with the help of Jesus.

3. Youth Ministry
This program is focused on the age group 17-30 years of age. Many in this age group are struggling to make positive life choices, may have addictions and/ or broken family relationship. We build a safe environment for these young people to improve their self-esteem through caring one-on-one mentoring. They are also provided with opportunities to be seek and learn about God in worship, Bible studies, and other practical teachings.

4. Women’s Ministry
Using sewing workshops, mum’s prayer time, parenting classes and various life skills programmes to engage and equip our ladies practically, it also opens the door for the Gospel to be shared with them at the end of each programme through a simple sharing from the Bible over a cup of chai and tasty snacks.

4. 婦女事工
通過縫紉工作坊，媽咪禱告時間，教養兒女課程及生活技能課程，得以結連及裝備我們的婦女。每次活動完結後，一般都有茶聚小食時間，藉此機會與他們分享福音及聖經的話。
5. Community care ministry
This ministry is a very unique ministry of ICM. It seeks to provide comfort, cheer, and when possible, material assistance to those in need. Community Care Ministry focuses on sharing the love of God through various care programmes. That provides regular and seasonal visitation to hospitals, clinics, institutions, immigration, prison and private homes in the community. Down town ministry (people living under flyovers) is also a part of this ministry, to provide food and counselling to those who are struggling with various addiction.

6. Men’s ministry
We found that men of this community are always hard to reach but they are the one who makes decisions in the family. We found that if we can reach out to them, we can see the life transformation in the whole family. Therefore, we started this ministry to engage the men from our community through different outdoor activities chosen according to their interest.

6. 男士事工
我們發現很難接觸到這個社群的男士，但他們卻正是家庭的決定者。我們發現若我們願意到他們家裡，便會看到整個家庭的生命得到更新，所以我們便著重他們的興趣，開始舉辦一些戶外活動去吸引他們參加，藉此建立這個社群的男士。

Inner City Ministries began in 1994 and targets the physical and spiritual oppression amongst the South Asian ethnic minority in Hong Kong caused by urban poverty. We are open to all within this minority group irrespective of culture and religious belief, however, in practical terms, 90% of those we serve are Nepalese, a large community effectively “forgotten” by the wider HK community. Marginalized by discrimination and the on-going inherited disempowerment that comes from socio-economic privation, the Nepalese are among the 1.2 million people who live well below the government-defined poverty line in Hong Kong.

Although not easy to measure in the short term, we know that the impact of our programmes is significant, lasting and dynamic: over the course of a year we reach over 500 adults, teens and children who enter our programmes and whose circumstances improve as a result: families begin to function adequately, men and women are empowered through learning new skills which they are able to apply and we see long term evidence of young adults and children making positive life choices. The impact of education and care in our programmes is evident in the growth of self-esteem, higher expectations for the future and the resultant behavioral change as they grow knowing of the love of Jesus for them.

ICM 成立於1994年，服務的對象是生活在香港，受都市貧窮影響而心靈和肉體都飽受煎熬的少數南亞裔族群。不分他們是什麼文化背景和宗教信仰，實際上，我們正在服侍的人士90%都是一大群被香港社會遺忘了的尼泊爾人，因為受到歧視而被邊緣化及因社會經濟的貧乏而長期承受自主無力；尼泊爾族群是生活於貧窮線下的120萬香港人的一部分。

雖然我們事工對他們的影響是不容易估計，但相信影響是重大的，持續的和不斷變化的，一年來有超過500人，包括成年人，少年人和兒童，參加了我們的活動並改善了他的環境。例如有家庭重整和諧生活、成人經學習新技能而可自力更生，我們並且見到年青人及兒童正確地選擇他們的未來。

我們的教育及關懷事工對他們的影響，可以從他們自尊心的增多，和對未來有盼望及他們行為的改變，而反映出來。因他們更深刻體會耶穌基督對他們的愛。
Hi, my name is Amanda and I first came to Hong Kong as a domestic helper in 2015. I remember feeling so lonely and I couldn't feel at ease as the place felt so unfamiliar to me. One day a friend of mine who regularly attended Friday fellowship at ICM told me about it. I began to join their weekly Sunday meetings with other domestic helpers and now I also get to attend the weekly Friday fellowship.

There's always so much to do and so much stress at work but whenever I am at fellowship in ICM I forget all that because I feel a welcomed, loved and cared for. When I am in ICM, the stress of work fades and I only feel the peace of God. I am so thankful to God for giving me a family in Christ that allows me to feel so comfortable. When I am with them in ICM, I feel like I am home. I am so blessed to have found a second home in ICM.

我是 Amanda，2015年初次來到香港當家庭工，當時我在這個陌生的環境感到十分孤單無助，幸好一個參加ICM 周五團契的朋友介紹我認識ICM，因此我開始和一些其他朋友參加那裏的周日聚會並且現在也參加了周五的聚會。

雖然我日常的工作都非常繁重及勞累，但只當我回到ICM 的團契裏，一切的重擔都可拋開，因為在這裏我感到被接納、被愛和被關懷，所以我不再勞累，只感覺到從神而來的平安。

非常感謝主，赐給我一個屬基督的大家庭，讓我得享溫暖。每當我與他們一起在ICM 的時候，我都有一種在家的感覺，能讓找到 ICM 這個 [第二家]，我是一個十分蒙福的人呀！
Hi, My name is Tobias.
When I was a teenager and experienced a crisis of faith, I lacked a youth group community like ICM. As a result, I spent many years away from a church community. Feeling lost in the swirl of my first fast-paced job as a Multimedia Producer, I asked God to open my eyes and show me a path to honor the Lord through service. Soon after, a dear friend I met through work told me about ICM.
At the end of a hectic Hong Kong work week, ICM became the beacon of light that sustained me through the grueling weeks. The word “volunteering” does not do justice to the role I played with other mentors who assisted our wonderful leaders each week with the ICM teens. When discussing scripture, singing songs, and sharing delicious meals together, there shined a sense of community in Christ that nourished all who came to the ICM table. The discussions of moral issues and answers of the teens reshaped my vision of Christ, bringing me deeper into an exploration of faith. ICM filled the doubt in my heart with Christ’s love as expressed through this unique community of believers. As much as I’d hoped to be a guiding light for the teens, the fellowship especially helped me to grow in faith, hope, and love. Thank you to the selfless team at ICM and all those who support the program to make God’s work in this special place possible.

I am Tobias.

After finishing form 1 in Hong Kong my parents sent me to the hills of Northeast India for further studies. At the time, it was very difficult for me to be in boarding school, living so far away from my parents. I was often bullied at school and it started to chip away at my self-esteem. During the time I was there, the hill area was also going through some political unrest. The situation got really bad when people started fighting and killing each other. Due to the violence and chaos, all schools had to shut down for a long time. We had a hard time finding another school. In the end, after spending 4 years in India my parents decided to bring me back to Hong Kong. I was afraid I would not get a place in any school because it was the middle of the school year but through ICM God provided a school for me. ICM is a place where I am able to grow spiritually and mentally because I get support, love and care. I call it my second home.

Hi, my name is Ganga. I started coming to ICM four years ago. One of my friends introduced me about a group program in ICM. Now I am regularly attending the classes and learning new skills. My daughter is also coming to attend the kids group where she is learning good things about God. ICM is the place where I first heard about Jesus and I realize that He cares about us the way we care about our kids. I came to know about the true God who loves us and care about us. I found many new friends in ICM. Spending time in ICM is so much fun and full of laughter. I feel very blessed to be a part of this family.

I am Ganga. 4年前开始参加ICM。我的朋友介绍我参加了ICM的绵延课程。我现在经常参加这个课程并学习新的技能。我的女儿也一同来参加了儿童团契学童的课程。

ICM 首次聽見耶穌基督並明白地幫助我們就像是我們關心自己的兒女一樣。現在我認識了關心我們、關心我們的孩子。我在ICM 找了很多朋友，也找到很多快樂和歡笑。我拿到的榮譽都得以加入這個大家庭。
To make increased use of social media to inform stakeholders and sponsors of our on-going work and needs.

To improve the parenting skills of our community, we are organizing parenting courses with the help of Doctors and Experts.

To upgrade organizational strategies to include tangible measures of success.

Expanding our reach to other ethnicities besides Nepali.

Hill My name is Tiffany.
Volunteering at ICM has literally changed my life. Not only have I made lifelong friends with the staff, co-volunteers and kids that we serve; but most importantly, I've met and learnt about my Savior and Father as I serve! There's nothing like growing in faith with the kids, who turned into teens and youth, as we walk on this spiritual journey together. It's an honor to worship, pray, laugh and cry together at ICM, and it's a privilege to witness how the Lord has been working in and through each of our lives. And there's nowhere like ICM which I call home - a place overflowing with love, joy and good food!

我是Tiffany
在ICM 工作實質上改變了我的生命，不單是我與中心的職工，其他義工和我所服務的兒童都成了畢生好友。更重要的是，在侍奉中我親見並認識了我的救主神。沒有任何事可比美和一群由兒童成長至少年再成為青年人在奮鬥旅途同行，並見證我們的信心一起增長。我們可以在ICM 裏一同敬拜、禱告、歡呼、哭泣，是我的榮幸。更榮幸可以見證如何在我們的生命裡作工，真的沒有一個地方可媲美ICM, 一個充滿愛、歡樂和美食的家。

Hill My name is Jessica.
Saturday afternoons at Kids’ Club can be a bit chaotic but the chaos comes from the enthusiasm of the children that tends to bubble out in wiggles and laughter. The St. Andrews team always finds our time to be a very rewarding ministry opportunity as it is hard to find another groups of kids so excited to come to sing songs and hear Bible stories.

我是 Jessica
星期六下午的兒童團契雖然是有點混亂，但這混亂是源於兒童們充滿熱情的運動和歡笑，面對這個難得再遇到如此熱愛聆聽聖經故事及唱詩的兒童，我們聖安德烈團隊認為我們的時間絕對是用在非常有價值的基督事工上。
UPCOMING EVENTS

1. VBS 1 (Vacation Bible school) Aug 5th-Aug 9th (K1-K3) 8月5至9日暑期聖經班I (K1-K3)
2. VBS 2 (Vacation Bible school) Aug 12TH-Aug 16th (P1-P5) 8月12-16日暑期聖經班II (P1-P5)
4. Parenting Courses 教養孩子課程
5. Cantonese Classes 廣東話班
6. After School Tutoring 課後輔導

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Inner City Ministries Income - 2018

- Total Donations HK$2,031,928
  - Churches committed
  - Other regular individual
  - Other one off donations
  - Matilda - Sedan Chair Race
  - Other Income

Inner City Ministries Expenditure by ministry - 2018

- Total Expenditure HK$1,932,175
  - Family & Women's Ministry
  - Youth Ministry
  - Children's Ministry
  - Admin and Governance
OUR TEAM

OUR PARTNERS (ACKNOWLEDGEMENT)

On behalf of Inner City Ministries, we would like to express our gratitude towards all our well-wishers, supporters and prayer partners. None of the journey would have been possible without the cooperation and support of our side in His great mission, TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST.

We hope that you will continue to stand by us as we journey on this path.
Inner City Ministries cannot exist without the help of our faithful and generous Ministry Partners. It’s our great privilege to work together to extend His kingdom here in this earth. Help us with your time, resources and new ideas by becoming a Ministry Partner today. Through your support, you help us impart the love of Jesus to our community.

ICM 的存在有賴一班信實和慷慨的合作夥伴的支持。我們感到極大的榮幸能夠和你們一同在地上下揚主的國，敬請你們可以成為我們事工的合作夥伴，利用你們寶貴的時間、資源和新的理念來幫助我們。藉著你們的支持，可以幫助我們把耶穌基督的愛心栽培在這個群組裏。

You can help ICM in various ways:

1. DONATE
   Please check our website support page
   捐款 - 請參考我們網頁
   http://www.innercityministries.org

2. VOLUNTEER 義工徵集
   Sewing ministry, Children ministry, teen’s ministry
   縫紉, 僑童及少年事工

3. SPONSOR 贊助
   Outdoor Program/Venue
   戶外活動及場地

4. JOB REFERRAL / SCHOOL /
   LANGUAGE COURSES
   職位轉介/學校/語言課程

5. AV SUPPORT 媒體支持
   Promo video
   宣傳短片

6. HEALTH CHECKUPS &
   LEGAL ADVICES
   醫療檢查/法律援助

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