



Prayer letter

October 2010

Dear friends,

“Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God”. Phil 4 : 4-6

Greetings from all of us at Inner City Ministries (ICM), thank you for your prayers and continued support for the extension of the Kingdom of God in our ministry here in Jordan. I hope you will find the following notes and prayer requests helpful as you uphold us before the Lord.

Giving thanks for the mission to India and Nepal.

It was good to have all the members of the mission team to India and Nepal return safely. There were one or two bouts of quite serious illness amongst the team but we praise God for his healing hand and that everyone is returned to full health. The team brought back wonderful accounts of God's blessing especially amongst the more remote villages in Nepal where God's name was proclaimed and lives were given to Jesus. We shall be sharing some of these stories and some video footage in the coming months. Praise God for his grace and providence.

- Please pray for all those who gave their lives to Jesus, please pray especially for those who came to hear about Jesus and receive training. Please also pray that we will know how God wants us to continue to support and develop this mission alongside our work in Hong Kong.

Our Catering ministry

In July, we took out a lease on a small shop front premises near to Ferry Street which we hope to develop into a catering and teaching kitchen. Work on this project drew to a halt upon the discovery of a serious water leak from the premises above, the owner of which seemed uninterested in rectifying. It has been a rather disheartening and difficult time when we felt unsure of the direction to take. However, in answer to our prayers, God has shown His sovereign hand and, against all odds, the problem is being rectified which will allow us to forge ahead.

- Please pray for Kaushic and the directors as they prepare a business plan and seek possible government funding. This venture has to be entirely self financing and we pray for God's wisdom and guidance as well as His provision.

Reaching out in the community

One of our full time volunteer staff, Labya has been called to a ministry working amongst the youths who gather in and around the park areas in TST and YMT. He has a specific ministry reaching out to drug addicts and is developing this ministry in conjunction with others who are engaged in outreach and ministry to drug addicts.

- Please pray for Labya and this work; it is difficult, time consuming and not without danger. Pray for obedience and steadfastness as he works with these young brothers He is also in need of practical and financial support and we ask for your prayers for this as well.

Seeking a new Operations Director (ED)

We are about to begin the search for a new Operational (Executive) Director. In the next few weeks we will be advertising locally and seeking applicants.

- Please pray for the board search committee (Scott Lawson, Rev Peter Hurricks and Mike Witthoft) as they go about this process. We hope to have a new director in place by December 1st. Please also pray for the financial resources for this post.

Our Vision

God has been so good to us in providing our centre but He is also wanting us to seek new ways of approaching what we do. Settling into our Ferry Street centre has brought with it a focus upon how we go about our ministry; what we should continue and what we should develop; how we spread our ministry and how we become most effective especially in mission to early teens, training our young adults in worship, bible study, preaching and ministry and in reaching out to those in desperate need. We are able to offer counseling and family guidance now and we hope to be able to offer medical advice to those in need who come to us.

- Please pray for a continued growth of the ministry to the new centre, for effective growth of the ministry, for the renewal and steadfast spirit among our youth.
- Please pray for a zeal and a passion for God, unity in spirit and heart for staff and volunteers, and above all obedience and a faithful response to God's pruning. (John 15 : 1 -4)

Our specific needs

Finances : This has been a year where we have had to re learn what it means to praise God for His providence and depend on Him for everything. At the outset of the year it would appear that we could afford our running costs but little by way of developing our ministry and mission. God is good and we have seen a most amazing increase in private and individual donations that has enabled to carry out our work. However, with the move to the new centre, despite the slight reduction in rent that this has brought, we faced unforeseen capital outlay and increased costs overall that we do not have reserves to cover. We continue to seek regular support and we pray that we will go about this matter diligently and with a view to developing deep and lasting relationships with all our friends.

- Please pray for us at this time, that we will be faithful both in prayer and praise about our financial needs, that we will hold fast to the vision that God continues to move us and that we respond in thankful obedience to his direction.

Personal :

- Please pray for the health of the staff especially Dhan, Caroline and Labya all of whom seem to have lingering coughs.
- Please pray for renewed strength for Ebson and Tryfina after the demands of leading the mission to India.
- Please pray for the healing and health of those to whom ICM have been ministering at home and in hospital. Their names are: Anil Kiran Rai, Khagendra Limbu,(recent believers to whom we have shared the gospel and have accepted Jesus very recently in their sick bed) and Arjun Thapa (believer). They are sick

Please do visit us in the centre (9F, Keybond Commercial Bldg, 38 Ferry Street, YMT) – we will be contacting you shortly about a time of dedication and renewal. Thank you again for all your prayers and support.

Yours in Christ



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