

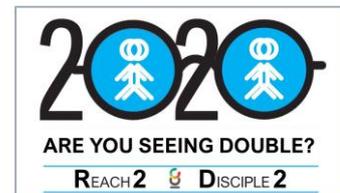
Senior Minister's Message

Dearly loved ICC Members,

2020 has been a historic and challenging year in which God has enabled us to have a time of **RECALIBRATION** and **REALIGNMENT** to Himself and His kingdom purposes. The lockdown in homes has highlighted the importance of *Christ in our hearts and homes* (the family altar) and emphasised the importance of spending time in the presence of our Father. It also marks a new phase in the countdown to the end time return of Jesus. It is imperative that we **SEE in the spirit** all that is happening in the world from an eternal perspective. Greater challenges will be coming upon the world and the Church in the coming years. Accordingly, I remind you that Jesus warned of the following in the end times: great deception (even of the elect), the increase of sin everywhere, the love of many Christians growing cold and persecution that will come upon us (Matthew 24). The spirit of lawlessness (which is the anti-Christ spirit in 2 Thess. 2:7) is already at work and is surging in many countries, especially in the West. As we face greater challenges, we can also be assured of **a greater move of God's Spirit** in the days to come. Even as we pray and **establish spiritual altars** for national revivals, we must realise that the Holy Spirit, who is the spirit of revival, **dwells within us already** – (we are **spiritual beings**, that have a *soul* and we live in a *physical body*).

2020 SNAPSHOT REVIEW

- We started 2020 with the vision of 'R2D2 -Reach 2 and Disciple 2' where we are encouraging everyone to **REACH** the lost children of God and make disciples! This echoes our catch cry **BRIDGE – BRING – BUILD – BROADCAST** the gospel.
- We had the *Kids Prophetic weekend* with Ps Jeremiah Yap, who prophesied over many of our children and families. We also had the *Healing Masterclass* with Chris Alam (USA) in March to help equip us.
- Our theme for 2020 was '**CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY**', which culminated in our **Synergy Conference** with Prophet Corey Turner, Tim Hall and Sergio Scataglini. Ps Corey highlighted the importance of the dynamic FIVE-FOLD anointings, which God designed to equip and mature Christians in the local church. Here's an excerpt of his **prophecy** for ICC (30 September 2020):



ICC will be enlightened the midst of darkness – a **city on a hill**. I see many nationalities, many cultures coming into your church and I see many congregations and different services. And yet, **coming under one vision**, part of a **one distinct sort of focus**, but with several expressions within it. It's like Isaiah 2 – '*The house of the LORD will be the highest mountain and all the people and all the nations shall rally to it*'. ICC is going to become like that mountain that all these **different cultures and ethnic groups** and people groups gather. You're not just going to grow through one people group, you're going to grow through about five different people groups. And I see there are five distinct people groups that the *Five-fold ministry streams* are going to stream into and flow into that. God is going to favour you and give you access.

- We moved to full **ONLINE weekend services** on 29th March and started coming back in person for Sunday meetings from mid-June. Despite the lockdown, we were extremely blessed by the following highlights:

- One of our senior members recovered fully from COVID after returning from Asia in March and none of her family members were affected! Praise the Lord who is our healer and creator.
- We were able to **PRE-LAUNCH our Southside Extension Service** in the Runcorn Tavern on 12th July as planned! The service, which is led by Ps Olivia, is now running with over 115 people, plus about 12 children in the Influencers program. We are also actively looking for another suitable premises and aim to formally launch the Southside campus in February-March of 2021.
- We were able to conduct many of our Sunday services, connect meetings, conferences (including the **CAM Waves conference** with Ps Andy Harrison from Planetshakers) and leaders meetings on schedule by meeting online through Zoom, Youtube and Facebook. In fact, many new people watched our online services and have since joined the church.
- We also conducted a few Chinese and Spanish speaking fellowships on Saturday afternoons. Some were even conducted online and we have seen many people come to the Lord through these fellowships.
- This would not have been possible without the amazing efforts and expertise of our 'Tech pastor', Eugene Kang, as well as our CAM TECH team. On behalf of all ICC leadership and members - a **MASSIVE THANK YOU to Eugene and the team** for keeping the church united online.
- Also, a huge thank you to all our ministry team leaders and pastors, connect pastors, youth leaders, kids influencers and all our members who were incredibly flexible, understanding and faithful during the lockdown. Praise the Lord and thank you to all our members who faithfully tithed and sowed offerings to help other ministries - our church tithes even increased slightly during the initial lockdown.

LOCAL MISSIONS & OUTREACH

- Some of our members also started a **food parcel delivery program** which is now helping over 20 families every week with free groceries from OZ harvest and donations from ICC members and non-ICC members. This program was inspired by Dr Julian Mok who decided to cook over **280 free meals for all our health professionals** in ICC during the lockdown period. We saw many new people, especially Filipino students, come to church and receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour! Special thanks to Julian, Maynard & Beverly, Tommy & Devine and all the volunteers who help weekly.
- The 8th **Technicolour Multicultural Festival** will be a free festival for children on 5th December. This year we are focusing on blessing over 30 families with children with special needs (from AEIOU). Thanks to all of you who will be volunteering to serve our community and special thanks must go to Dr Julian Mok, Ps Jeannie and Samantha for their leadership.

MAKE DISCIPLES

- **Discipleship 360** – 16 people completed the Make Disciples course and 12 people completed the VIP course. Thank you to Ps Penny and the hospitality team who have been faithfully serving.
- **Service Operations Team** – 390 guests (270 adults, 120 youth) visited ICC. We currently have 38 connect groups & 7 youth connect groups. **56 people received** and rededicated their lives to Jesus Christ, and we **water-baptised 12 people**.

- Our **sermon series** included Christ in You the Hope of Glory, Refined, Return to Me (including the Relational Series in Connect Groups), Be Fruitful & Multiply.

PRAYER

- We participated in the **Brisbane City wide prayer gathering** on the first Sunday of January organised by Riverlife Baptist church, which saw about 300 Christians praying in King George Square. We also joined the *National Day of Prayer* fasting again in King George Square in mid-February.
- **The 2nd Annual Battle Cry Prayer Rally** – was held online on 17th June and had over 3,000 people who joined and viewed the event. Our special speakers included Ps Margaret Court, Ps Wayne Alcorn (ACC President), Ps Neli Atiga, who led the worship, and of course our own Ps David Mok and Ps Alan Wills. Thank you to all the ICC members who got involved, especially Tevita Koloj, for his faith and vision.

STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY

- Over 100 people attended the *Wealth and Money* online seminars with guest speakers Roger Head and David Hodgson in April. We also prepared a basic budgeting and stewardship seminar for our members – thank you to Calvin Yong and our manager, Brian Selvaratnam, who helped organise it.
- **Heart for the House** – we received donations of \$197,567 for the Building fund in 2020. We also launched the **ICC Foundation** that allows us to make periodic distributions to the building fund and other charities such as MCC which has now received a total of \$69,385. Thank you to all our members who have contributed so faithfully and generously.
- **Heart for the Nations** (International & Local Missions giving) – we donated over \$150,000 to over 20 different international ministries, including Ps. Suubi's Children of Destiny school (Kenya), Chris Alam (Africa), River of God churches (Philippines). A large portion of this has been made possible by generous donations (\$70K) from Diverciti Cleaning, a social enterprise business, setup by Ps Jeannie Mok. We will be giving more to other missions groups locally and internationally before the end of the year, including an educational centre in Mongolia which reaches out to children with special needs.

MINISTRIES

- **ICC Kids** – This year was particularly challenging because Ps Alvin and the team had to reproduce our entire kids' Sunday program online during the lockdown. Although we were unable to run the Heroes Academy in July, we organised the **Kids Recharge** (19th Sep) and the **Kids Super Sunday** (25th Oct) so that all the kids could come back and worship in the main auditorium, which they were unable to do for 6 whole months! It was so successful that we will be having a kids **Super MERRY Sunday** on 13th Dec, followed by the Influencers end of year party.
- We also ran the **FORGE mentoring program** which aims to help prepare kids to enter high school. Thank you to Lizzie Moore, Sarah and Solomon who helped lead and mentor the kids in this program.
- Thank you to Ps Alvin and all the Kids Influencers and parents for encouraging our ICC kids. We must continue to focus on the spiritual households – this means dads and mums taking the spiritual lead to disciple their children in the word, prayer and worship at home, while modelling the spirit filled life

through service and outreach. We want households of faith, hope and love that will encourage kids to grow in wisdom, stature, and favour with God and with man. Thank you to all the parents who have been involved in *the Little Blessings playgroup* on Thursdays. The 2021 Kids program will officially kick off with **Summer Splash on January 24** at Newmarket.

- **Abide Youth** – one of the major initiatives this year was the launch of **SHOOK outreach nights** on Fridays once a month. About 120 new youth attended the SHOOK nights, which featured games, worship led by the ABIDE band and local guest speakers. We had **20 new salvations** and about 30 have joined the youth group. Many of the new youth came through the **REKON** after-school program run by Ps Rolando in Logan, Yarrabilba and Ipswich. Ps Rolando and Joshua Vergis have also started reaching out to at risk youth in Kelvin Grove State High school. Thank you to all the youth leaders who have worked tirelessly to run the online youth nights during the lockdown, as well as the outreach nights. MCC also received a \$17k grant to purchase a **new 12-seater bus**, which we are now using for transporting the youth.
- **The X-Forge program** for senior students preparing to enter into University will be commencing in late November and will culminate in a camp at the Gold Coast in mid-December.
- **Catalyst Club & Young Adults** – Our official university club name has changed from Club ICC to Catalyst Club. We had 100 people attend our launch night, with 40 first time guests. Ps Michael also organised several Catalyst Professional workshops where many of our professionals and guests like Ps Andy Gourlay (from Red Frogs), Ps Chris Ong and Wan Leng (Consultants), have helped students and young professionals develop and grow holistically in their career and calling.
- **Connect Groups** – At the end of 2019 Ps Olivia, who is called into the five-fold office of a pastor, transitioned into overseeing the 38 ICC Connect groups. With the help of Ps David, she has focused on developing nine **Connect Empower groups** that focus on encouraging and equipping the connect pastors in the areas of motivation, vision and spiritual disciplines, such as journaling and prayer.
- **SOT (Service Operations Team)** – A big thank you to the SOT team in Newmarket & Southside who have done an incredible job implementing all the COVID safe procedures in the services. Special thanks to the team leaders—Christine Chan (Southside), Tony and Jacqueline (leading the Coffee Pot), Jennifer Peng, Sergio, Beverly, Susan, Yuliza, Eric Gong, Jean Paul, Shrin and Penny Tas.
- **W.I.S.H.** – We had 14 couples register for the *Marriage Alpha course* which was run online. Thank you to Frankie and Sharon for leading this ministry, as well as Jim and Rosaline Chia for preparing the Discovery course.

2021 Theme: UNSHAKEABLE – TIME FOR CONQUEST

In keeping with the Bishop Alexey's prophecy in 2018, which encouraged us to multiply and extend through 4 new campuses across the city, we are aiming to formally launch the southside campus in February-March 2021. We are currently looking for a more permanent property for our southside campus. We will also run outreaches into Yarrabilba on the back of the REKON youth program, as well as, praying about a northside extension service.

We will also continue with the **Battle Cry** Prayer rally in June and believe that one of the key strategies to revival will be to actively support prayer rallies across the city. We will also be reaching out to university students in some of the inner-city colleges and on campus, which has already commenced. These evangelistic outreaches will be led by Ps Faith, who was supernaturally reminded of her five-fold evangelistic calling during Synergy.

I am also excited to announce that we will be rolling out the **SUMMIT** theological training program in 2021 (based on the prophetic vision of Isaiah 2) which will offer online and in-person theological training streams that will focus on our **4M values** – *Multicultural, Missions, Ministry Equipping and Miracles*. Members will be able to subscribe to online classes from anywhere in the world and choose either an unaccredited pathway or register to do the accredited Diploma of Multicultural Leadership and Ministry through International Christian College.

We must continue to make mature disciples and empower leaders who will be **UNSHAKEABLE** in their faith, hope and love, because of the challenges that await us. It is imperative we also focus on the faith of **the generations** that are coming. Hence, we will be focusing our efforts on *deepening our spiritual roots* through a greater understanding of God's word and living 'in' and 'from' the Holy Spirit through prayer. *We need a shift from simply outsourcing our spiritual walk to the Church and learning to take responsibility for our own personal and family spiritual growth (a shift from the 'Coles to Bunnings' mentality)*. We also need an unshakeable spirit of **CONQUEST** that embraces the urgency of the times to spread the gospel from city to cities in the power of the Holy Spirit through signs and wonders.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to all our amazing ICC volunteers and leaders, from the Board, Vision team, Ministry team and five-fold spiritual advisors (Ps David & Jeannie and Ps Alan & Pat Wills – for their love, prayer & wisdom), Connect Pastors and ministry leaders. Let us continue to be the *family* and household of God which is focused on doing our Father's *business of making disciples*, while *fighting spiritual battles* as the bride of Christ in army boots (Phil.2:25). I pray that we will all discover and apply our spiritual gifts and talents as we mature in Christ and fulfil our callings according to God's purposes. May you be fruitful and multiply the talents and anointings God has entrusted to you.

PRAYER for YOU IN 2021

As we enter 2021, I pray that the LORD will keep you safe and that the *Holy Spirit will make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful* (1 Thess. 5:23-24). I also ask God to give you *spiritual wisdom and (spiritual) insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called – his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raise Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.* (Ephesians 1:17-21).

In humble reliance upon Him,

Rev. Jonathan Mok
20th November 2020

PLEASE MARK DOWN THESE DATE CLAIMERS (which may change due to our circumstances)

2021 IMPORTANT DATE CLAIMERS

JANUARY:

- 3rd (Sun) - Citywide Prayer Gathering (5pm)
- 21st – 22nd - Youth Alive Conference
- 24th (Sun) - Australia Day Outreach service & Picnic Newmarket
- 24th (Sun) - ICC Kids Summer Splash
- 26th (Tue) - Australia Day Holiday BBQ Filipino Outreach
- 30th (Sat) - **Boot Camp for Connect Pastors & Leaders**

FEBRUARY:

- 7th (Sun) - **Vision Sunday**
- 13th (Sat) - *MCC Chinese New Year Night Market*
- 15th – 19th - University of QLD O-Week Outreach; (22-26 Feb – QUT); (1-5 Mar – Griffith Uni)

MARCH:

- 3rd (Wed) - Start Classes@ICC, Every Wednesday night (on Zoom)
- 12th – 14th - **ACTIVATE ICC Conference** (TBC dates may shift)

APRIL:

- 2nd (Fri) - **Good Friday Service**
- 2nd/ 3rd/ 4th - *Easter Market & Outreach* (TBC)
- 4th (Sun) - **Resurrection Sunday Services**
- 9th – 10th - CAM Camp (TBC)

MAY:

- 9th (Sun) - Mother's Day & Baby Dedication
- 23rd (Sun) - Pentecost Sunday

JUNE:

- 15th ~17th - The Battle Cry SUNCORP Prayer Rally (subject to availability) (TBC)
- 26th or 30th - Kids Heroes Academy (TBC)

JULY:

- 6th – 10th - Youth Camp & YA Camp
- 12th – 23rd - O-Week Outreach (12-19); UQ & QUT (19-23)
- 29th – 31st - Encounter Camp (Spiritual Freedom)

AUGUST:

- 21st (Sat) - Technicolour Festival (TBC)

SEPTEMBER:

- 5th (Sun) - Father's Day & Baby Dedication
- 6th – 8th - Special Prayer & Fasting – The Return
- 16th – 18th - Synergy Conference (TBC) OR
- 20th – 27th - Family Camp (TBC)

OCTOBER:

- 1st – 3rd - **Synergy Conference** (TBC)

NOVEMBER:

- 27th (Sat) - **Leaders VISION Casting (& AGM)**

DECEMBER:

- 11th or 12th - Christmas Markets & Outreach (TBC)
- 24th / 25th - *Special ONLINE family Christmas Service* (TBA)
- 26th (Sun) - **9am Sunday Service**