

INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP CENTRE

Lead Pastor's Report 2024

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." Philippians 1:6 NLT

I believe many of you know that God spoke to my wife, Fatty, and me while we were in the Philippines, concerning our missionary calling to Canada. Since our arrival, we've witnessed many amazing things God has done up to this day, along with various trials along the way. We are deeply grateful for God's grace that is sustaining us on this journey. As a church family, we've come a long way since those early days. Yet, God is not finished—His mission continues, and our vision is still unfolding. The best is surely yet to come. As the Scripture at the beginning of my report reminds us, it is God who began this good work in us, and He will faithfully carry it on to completion.

On our journey toward our God-given destiny, 2024 truly stood out as a banner year. We launched a new church plant in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, led by Charmaine and Gary Mercado. Charmaine was once part of the youth ministry at one of the satellite churches of Tabernacle of Faith International—our home church in the Philippines. Over the past few years, they've been faithfully tuning in to our online services. Along the way, they felt led to partner with us in our church-planting vision, and so the work began—marking our first church plant outside of Manitoba.

Also, in 2024, around 120 individuals who have confessed the Lord Jesus as saviour, and 40 publicly declared their faith through water baptisms. These are things worth celebrating, not just on earth but also in heaven. For the first time in IWC's history, our revenue exceeded the \$2 million mark. God deserves all the glory for all these things. God willing, by His grace, we will be mortgage free by the end of the year.

My wife and I are committed to finishing our God-given assignment strong, preparing to pass the baton to the next generation. It is my prayer that the Lord grants us many more years together, serving Him and the people He entrusts to our care.

I'm deeply grateful to all our leaders who are faithfully and excellently serving in their God-given roles. From the Pastor's Council, Site Pastors, and Ministry Leaders to our Network and Life Group Leaders, our people are being guided and mentored by godly men and women. We are truly blessed with the exceptional leadership at IWC.

I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our staff team—my daily teammates—who faithfully handle the day-to-day operations of our multi-site church family.

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We are truly blessed with a multitude of dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure our services run smoothly—both online and in person across all our locations. We have amazing volunteers who serve faithfully in various ministries, whether connected to our worship services or beyond. Thank you for generously offering your time and talents for the advancement of God's kingdom.

I'm grateful beyond words to all who call IWC home and the faithful tithers and givers who are instrumental in helping the church move forward in the direction of our God-given vision.

My wife and I are deeply thankful for the gift of family—our children, Isaac and Ruth, her husband Zach, and our beloved grandchildren, Caleb and Zoe. We are thankful for their love and support.

With all my heart, I thank the Lord for blessing us with an incredible year filled with His grace and favor. It is a profound privilege and honor to serve Him, to share His love, and to proclaim the Good News to His people and in His harvest field here in Winnipeg and across Canada. To Him be all the praise, glory, and honor.

As we continue to follow the Lord's leading, I look forward with great expectation to even more fruitful years ahead. Greater things are yet to come through Christ Jesus—our Lord and the Head of the Church.

Yours in the service of the Lord,



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