

# INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP CENTRE

## SECRETARY'S REPORT Period: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024

Dear IWC Family Members,

Blessed greetings in the name of Jesus!

*Acts 16:4-5* says, “<sup>4</sup> Then they went from town to town, instructing the believers to follow the decisions made by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup> So the churches were strengthened in their faith and grew larger every day.” Like the Book of Acts, we as a church is being strengthened by God’s grace and our faith together to fulfill God’s commission to us. IWC’s mission and vision statements were changed in the last Council strategic meeting – “Follow Jesus, Make Disciples.” IWC’s church’s planting efforts were enhanced following the appointment of a Missions & Church Planting Pastor and eliminating the Executive Pastor role. At the same time, the Elders and Site Pastors were spending more time coaching and mentoring the younger generation to instill into their hearts the missionary calling to plant churches by discovering their 3Ps – purpose, people and place of assignment. Here are some of the 2024 highlights:

### A. DIGITAL TEAM

The Digital Team, led by Erika Joy Del Mundo, continued to strengthen IWC’s online presence and engagement. The team is committed to telling the story of what God is doing in IWC through digital platforms that inspire, inform, and invite people to be part of His movement. On March 1, 2024, Reno Valles was officially welcomed into the role of Digital and Creatives Assistant, bringing fresh support and creativity to the team. The team remained consistent in producing weekly social media content, including new posts, highlight videos, and reels that captured key moments and messages from our church life. These efforts have significantly contributed to increased engagement and followers’ growth across both Facebook and Instagram platforms, expanding our reach within and beyond our local church community.

### B. WIN DEPARTMENT

#### I. KIDZTOWN

Kidztown led by Marjury Miranda, served in children’s ministry in both Tagalog & English services from pre-school to pre-teens facilitated by 41 volunteers serving an average of 55-60 children every Sunday. The Vacation Bible School was held in July attended by 84 students plus volunteers with the theme “Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God”. For October Halloween, in its place, the "Hallelujah Campout: Praise Under the Stars" was held and the year concluded with a joyous Christmas presentation and party celebrating the birth of our Savior.

#### II. UPRISING

Uprising led by the power couple, Michael and Eunice Vidallon, continued to attract an average attendance of 75 youth every Friday including 25 volunteers. In January, after the Nurturing series, 7 students were water baptized. Worship Nights were introduced from June-December as part of the regular programming. The Uprising Youth Camp entitled “Press On” was successful in bringing kids closer to God as they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The camp had an attendance of 90 campers with

# INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP CENTRE

48 volunteers represented across all the sites of Winnipeg, PLP, Brandon & Neepawa. Three were from other Manitoba areas and a total of 25 youth people were water baptized.

### **III. RENDEZVOUS**

Erika Joy Del Mundo, who led this ministry went on a sabbatical leave and Michael Vidallon took over in June 2024 until Erika's return. The ministry continued its mission to reach and disciple the Young Adults through monthly gatherings that create space for fellowship, community, and the word of God. Monthly meetings attracted around 50-70 young adults every month. A major highlight of the year was the Young Adults Camp held on May 10–12th at Camp Cedarwood attended by 91 campers where 20 are first-timers. The annual outreach called Project Angel Tree in partnership with Prison Fellowship Canada allowed the team to bless children of incarcerated parents with gifts and encouragement during the Christmas season.

### **IV. YDC – Youth Development Center**

YDC is led by Marcus Madrid with support from many volunteers. YDC open gyms exists to provide a safe, Christ-centered space where youth and young adults can grow and develop meaningful relationships and provide fellowship. Activities started the first week of September and it ended this last week of June, with volunteers who begin each session with devotions. The Point Guard Academy for kids ranging from 7-12 years old was launched totaling 57 players with 16 volunteers. This program impacted on the lives of children and parents with the later noticing positive changes in the children's behaviors. Another parent expressed gratitude for the free training and one of the families started going to church. The weekly Monday Young Adults Basketball is attended by 30-40 YAs with ages ranging from 19-25. Thanks to the following volunteers: Justine Castañeda, Israel Pursina, Kenn Pedraza, Danee Trinidad, Paulo Patena, Zach Jacinto, Jhude Ramirez; with Marcus Madrid, Justine Castañeda, and Israel Pursina leading devotions. The Monday Badminton, Pickle Ball, Billiards, and Table Tennis is run by Jude Marcalinas along with MJ Giesbrecht, Yvonne Mugot, & Aries Salinas assisting in the devotions. There are 30-40 adults in total and 10-15 kids ages 6-12. This has been one of our thriving open gyms with a growing number of participants throughout the year. The Tuesday Volleyball is run by Marcus Madrid, along with Polo Salonga, Hannah Espedido, Jason Ibalio, Kaye Palma, Aiver Miaral, Kim Rivera, and Vanessa Matias. Majority of participants are 18-25 years old with approximately 24-30 participants. The Thursday Taekwondo is led by Sifu Mark Chornley along with Polo Salonga.

### **V. OUTREACHES**

Outreaches is one of the heart of IWC's mission to demonstrate the love of Christ through random acts of kindness. The bread distribution to families, friends and neighbors continued as bread supplies came in courtesy of Joel Villanueva and his company, BIMBO Canada. All respective sites had their own share of outreaches as they reach out to the neighboring communities including that of Gilbert Park summer outreach and Melo Soup kitchen outreach. St. James was involved in different outreaches such as Project Angel Tree, Operations Christmas Child in December, the Manitoba Street Festival in August and many others. IWC thrives in its efforts to reach the poor, the widows, the single parents, the homeless and the disadvantaged people in society.

# INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP CENTRE

## **VI. PURSUIT MINISTRY**

The Pursuit Ministry headed by Ian & Genee Reyes with their core team of couples are passionate about inspiring couples to aim their marriages toward Christ. In February, a Masquerade Gala was held with over 50 couples in attendance where Rob and Shannon White shared the 4 F's of Marriages. A spring bowling night entitled "Love Strike" gathered around 30 couples. The summer event called "Hello Love Summer" brought 20+ couples for a time of fellowship. The Coffee on Us at VA Café gathered together couples where Michael and Eunice Vidallon led intimate conversations centered on practical and biblical principles for building a Christ-centered marriage.

## **VII. 6T PLUS ADVENTURES MINISTRY**

Led by Hailene & Rael Magtuloy, the 6T Plus ministry catered to the 60+ seniors of the church where they are encouraged, have fun and fellowship with one another. Monthly meetings are held every last Saturday of the month with around 20-30 in attendance. These gatherings have become meaningful space for seniors to connect, to build relationships, and invite friends and family in this age bracket. There are three senior life groups actively meeting led by Melen & Luz Vidallon, Apol & Robert Capili, and Bing & Efren Obtera. Many of the seniors actively serve in the ministries.

## **C. LEAD DEPARTMENT**

Led by Ptr. Ghigie Gonzales, the Lead Department continued to equip the saints. Leadership development is key to IWC's church growth and multiplication raising new leaders and church planters for the harvest. The primary goal of the Lead Department is to equip the saints and release leaders to becoming Life Group leaders who in turn is discipling an Apprentice Leader. In 2024, the courses were offered in various forms: online learning, a hybrid of online and face-to-face meetings and in-person classes. In 2024, we welcomed 74 new members who graduated from ENLIST, 5 from Brandon and 5 from Portage la Prairie. For the EMPOWER (Launchpad/SOL), 44 graduated from Western Canada (Brandon, PLP & Neepawa) and 20 across Winnipeg sites. The Nurturing Series for newcomers and the Enrich Spiritual Growth which are part of the Leadership Training Track (LTT) were continually being delivered through life groups focusing on the LGs whose membership were newly saved. All IWC members are expected to complete the LTT.

## **D. DISCIPLESHIP DEPARTMENT**

Led by Ptr. Bong Sumayod, 2024 was a year of momentum, marked by spiritual growth, leadership development, and increased engagement across all Sites and Life Groups. From the availability of high-quality discipleship materials to the birth of new networks and future church planting, God has proven faithful to His promise to build His Church. Around 46 LG outlines were posted on the website providing vital tools for the growth, multiplication, and spiritual development of all members. There were 294 visitors and/or first-timers at St. James, with 138 individuals integrated into LG. The Magenta network headed by Hailene & Rael Magtuloy were released from the Purple network on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Within IWC's 6 sites, around 97 LGs are currently actively meeting versus 69 in 2023. The Freedom Weekend (EGR) was held on October 19<sup>th</sup> with 150 participants from the Winnipeg sites and Brandon. IWC Life Links is the official Facebook page for LG Leaders & Apprentices and has grown membership from 112 in 2023 to 144. On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, a Leadership Huddle was held for LG leaders

# INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP CENTRE

and Apprentices with 145 volunteers in attendance. Ptr. Junie challenged the leaders on visionary leadership and Ptr. Ghie on submission to authority/leadership. During the huddle Alvin and Joanne Dela Cerna were introduced to pioneer the new church plant in Langley, BC. Marcus and Marianne Madrid gave their testimonies on how they were discipled. Together, we press on—devoted to making disciples who will make disciples.

## **E. MULTI-SITES REPORT**

**IWC St. James** – led by Ptr. Junie & Fatty Josue with Cris Orido as Site Coordinator had a steady attendance of 200 in the Tagalog and 300 in the English services with up to 700-800 and more during Special services. This year, 20 people were baptized in water and 20 baby dedications officiated. Being the Central church, all ministries such as Kidztown, Uprising, Rendezvous, Pursuit and 60+ are led out of the St. James site and consistently are being run well. YDC open gyms continued to be the evangelistic arm of the church where people engaged in sports were given opportunities to hear the gospel. Corporate monthly prayer meetings were held from this location every first Wednesday of the month and “Prayer and Fasting week” were done throughout the year seeking God in intercession for people’s needs, reaching the lost, planting churches and revival in this nation and beyond. IWC supported the Samaritan’s Purse Operations Christmas Child and was able to complete 2,221 boxes across all sites, thanks to everyone. Giving increased from \$974K in 2023 to \$1.037M in 2024. In 2024, IWC reached \$2M across all six (6) sites. What a great year indeed!

**IWC-Brandon** - led by Ptr Erick & Grace Villanueva, supported by Sheldon Sanchez who was newly appointed as Site Coordinator. Around 121 visitors came, 2 were baptized in water, 12 were integrated into the life groups and 7 LGS are actively meeting. The highlight of the year was the significant spiritual growth and engagement for attendees where there was a clear focus on both reaching out to newcomers and deepening the faith of existing members. Average Sunday attendance is 70 people, 31 of which are volunteers regularly serving every week. Brandon is multi-cultural with the attendance of people from Jamaica, Ukraine, Canada and the Philippines making the church diverse and inclusive of all nations which is the heart of Christ. Regular prayer meetings were held every Wednesday. Giving increased from \$104K in 2023 to \$135K in 2024. Well done Ptr. Erick, Grace and your team!

**IWC-Neepawa** - thru the exciting leadership of Ptrs. Cliff & Wenie Borres, supported by Rob Villafranca as Site Coordinator, Neepawa continued to be a growing church with an average weekly attendance of 120 people, 43 volunteers, 13 new members and 23 completed the Empower/ SOL leadership training. Around 50 people were saved, 14 baptized in water, 7 baby dedication, and 8 active Life Groups. About 150 were visitors mostly newcomers to Canada which is part of Neepawa’s outreach to newly arrived workers. The site is vibrant with weekly prayer meetings, Friday fellowship and Ladies Breakfast every last Saturday of the month. Michelle Otoc’s leadership in community outreaches brought the church into the forefront engaging in some activities especially the Operations Christmas child that brought 578 boxes for children across the world. Giving increased from \$136K in 2023 to \$200K in 2024. Kudos to Ptr. Cliff, Wenie, and their team!

**IWC-North** - thru the leadership of Ptrs. Ghigie and Jimmy Gonzales supported by Bella Madrid as Site Coordinator, North continued to grow with an average attendance of 120-135 per Sunday supported

# INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP CENTRE

by 73 volunteers; 17 active life groups, welcomed 5 new members, and 9 graduated from Empower leadership training. Around 40 persons were saved, 10 baptized in the Holy Spirit and 2 baby dedication. There were around 65 visitors and guests notable among them were these two significant accomplishments: a) outreach to the Riverstone MB Housing, where Kidztown ministry did children's programming including cleaning, giving away food and caroling in December where a few of them attended the services; b) Pamaskong Handog outreach facilitated by Bro. Rico Tiglao as PCCM Board, brought 41 new immigrants together as they hear the gospel and had fun; 4 of them were integrated into LGs. Regular Friday Prayer meetings, Christmas outreaches and park services continues to be vibrant parts of North. North continues to support its daughter church at PLP. OCC boxes completed was 202 with a goal of 200. Giving increased from \$262K in 2023 to \$283K in 2024. Thanks to the core leaders and all volunteers for their hard work. We give God all the glory!

**IWC-Portage la Prairie** - under the leadership of Ptrs. Ghigie & Jimmy Gonzales supported by Agatha Guinto as Site Coordinator with all its core leaders and volunteers, are growing fast attracting families with small children. A steady average attendance of 45 with 21 volunteers, 21 of whom graduated from membership class and 11 completed Empower leadership training that allowed them to open and lead five (5) new life groups. Ten people were saved, 7 baptized in water and 3 baby dedications. The leaders organized Nurturing and Growth series to be taught among members to grow in their faith. Prayer meetings are held weekly. Outreaches to a Care Home and a few newcomer families by way of caroling was well received. IWC North continues to support IWC PLP for Sunday service speakers and with praise and worship teams led by the Dela Cernas and the Chanecos. Giving was at \$21K in its first year of operations in 2023 & more than doubled in 2024 at \$48K. Our sincerest appreciation to all the core leaders & volunteers plus the North leaders!

**IWC-Transcona** - under the able leadership of Ptrs. Bong & Mina Sumayod, supported by Emiline Santillana as Site Coordinator, Transcona has a steady average of 75-90 people every Sunday, with 30 volunteers, 5 completed membership class and 8 graduated from Empower ready to take the helm of Life Group leadership. Transcona is 4% multicultural representing people from different cultures such as Pakistan, India, Zimbabwe, Ukraine, and First Nations. Around 92 visitors came in 2023, 21 integrated into life groups and 3 new LGs were established. A bible reading plan to read the entire bible yearly was encouraged to all church members. Alvin and Myrell Go were appointed as Next Generation Ministry leads. A strong social media team comprising of 9 volunteers enhanced the site's SocMed presence. Outreach around their community was conducted in the summer entitled "Free Garage Giveaways". Giving largely increased from \$217K in 2023 to \$300K in 2024. Part of the increased giving was the challenge for people to faithfully give their tithes to the Lord through monthly testimonies of faithful givers. A building fund initiative was created to purchase a property for the site. Kudos to Ptr. Bong, Mina, and their amazing leaders, well done!

## **F. MISSIONS & CHURCH PLANTING**

IWC continues to support missions locally and internationally with around \$60K per annum budget. A team of 19 people went to the LA Dream Centre to participate in short term missions and catch a glimpse of what serving is all about. The participants came back with renewed commitment to the

# INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP CENTRE

cause of Christ. After the mission trip, a few of them went to both Higgins & Main Street and reached out to the homeless community in Winnipeg.

In July 2024, a team went to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan for the possibility of a church plant. On September 15, 2024, the 7<sup>th</sup> site of IWC was born and launched with the woman of peace who heard from God the call to shepherd a church in the area, Ptrs. Charmaine & Gary Mercado. Today, the site is still on a growing phase and needs all the support that we can give them.

Dave Ferguson, a known visionary leader who founded Exponential and the Lead Pastor of Community Christian Church in Chicago, said that *"Disciples who make disciples—who plant churches that plant churches—must become our future norm."* Truly, not only are we commanded to go and reach the lost but also make disciples. Like Paul, we should invest our lives into young Timothy/s, who in turn can change people's lives. We are still writing God's stories in our lives by discipling the younger generation who will influence their peers, impact cities and turn this world upside down for Christ.

On behalf of the Pastor's Council -- led by Ptr. Junie Josue, Lead Pastor, members -- Pastors Bong Sumayod, Cliff Borres, Jojo Cochon, Bella Madrid, Mel Trinidad, Marie Gravoso and myself; the Pastoral and Church Office Staff; we are truly grateful for your continued support and faithfulness in both giving and serving.

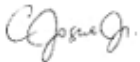
The best years are still ahead of us. As we remain steadfast in faith - reaching the lost and multiplying God's kingdom – we are growing not just as a church, but into a movement: **Follow Jesus, Make Disciples**. It is our hope and prayer that the God of hope will lead us into greater years. We would like to express our deepest appreciation to each of you – our faithful members - for standing with us, supporting the vision, joining us in prayer, and giving generously. Let us continue to pray for the hundred church plants, the leaders and missionaries being called, and the hundred thousand souls yet to be won for God's glory & honor alone!

Together with you In Christ's Service,



Ptra. Virginia (Ghigie) Gonzales  
Council Secretary  
May 17, 2025

Noted:



Ptr. Junie Josue  
Lead Pastor