



International Fellowship of Canada Church's

# Annual Report

October 2024 - September 2025





# A Note From Our Shepherd

**Zia Moradi | Lead Pastor**

**Psalm 100 - Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**



If you ever want to be victorious, give thanks to the Lord in all your circumstances. Thanksgiving is not just for the days when everything is good and pleasant. God is sovereign even in the worst of times. We should always be thankful that the God of heaven sees us as worthy to be tested and tried for His name's sake. The account of Job's life should encourage us to know that the Lord will never leave us nor forsake us. So, let us be thankful and praise Him in all circumstances. He is a God whose name is "Way Maker."

The theme of the year 2024 (October) to 2025 (September) was "Love One Another." We hope that you have experienced the genuine love of your IFC family. Additionally, we hope that you will be able to love someone in your IFC family and encourage them in their faith. The theme for this new year, 2025 (October) to 2026 (September), will be "Let Us Be Thankful." While we will strive to love one another, we should also be thankful for one another. We should enter the House of the Lord with thanksgiving and with praise. In doing so, we will see the glory of God among us.

Looking back on the past year, we saw how the Lord moved among us by granting us many opportunities to serve one another, our community, and our less fortunate friends on the streets of Brampton. If you read the Ministry Reports, you will quickly notice the goodness of God in many activities that took place. The highlight of last year's ministry activities was our Neighbourhood Outreach, in which we are already seeing that the Holy Spirit is bearing fruit and has sent many new friends to us to love and serve.

Also, the Lord helped us to beautify His house and create more space for our new family members as they join us. I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to every person who volunteered their time and energy to assist us in our church expansion project. We pray that God would use this to bear fruit for many years to come.

Further, I am deeply thankful and humbled by the many helping hands that serve our Lord across our various ministries. We are grateful to our Board of Directors, Pastoral Team (Pastor Raheem and Pastor Janna), Hannah, and our ministry leaders (Andrew, Christine, Raees, Sunil, Naomi, Darius, Dawn, Sumbal, Tony, Fazal, Joy, Jordan, and Kerri-Ann), as well as the many volunteers who consistently give of their hearts to support the work of the ministry.

As we look forward to this new year, let us not grow weary but give the Lord the highest praise and our attitude of gratitude with expectation and anticipation of greater things to come. May the love of the Lord be a banner over us. Thank you for giving me the privilege and the opportunity to serve the Lord by serving you and your families.

# General Summary

## Water Baptisms

Water Baptism is an integral spiritual practice at IFC Church. This year we had the privilege of discipling and baptizing 4 people. We will continue to lead more and more individuals to this next step of faith.



## Church Membership

Our church membership list continues to grow. By God's grace we were able to increase to 132 members of IFC church. This number does not reflect the full number of those who attend our services and have not yet completed a membership form.

## Counselling

This past year we have continued our work in serving the various needs of our community through offering free counselling services. With the addition of our new outreach initiatives, we have been able to broaden the reach of our counselling services to those unknown to the immediate church family.



## Baby Dedications

At IFC Church, we hold the gift of new life in high regard. Therefore, we have made it our duty to present our newborns to the Lord, surrounded by our church family, who offer their prayers and continual spiritual support for the believing family. These moments help to bond us together and challenge us to care for one another in deeper ways.

## Weddings and Funerals

Our Pastoral team is committed to supporting families in need of ministers for weddings or funerals. We offer these services at no cost, aiming to be a supportive presence for our congregation as well as the local community.





# Highlights of the Year

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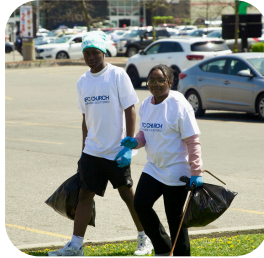
## OCTOBER

- Unified Night
- Ladies Breakfast
- Family Movie Night



## NOVEMBER

- Fall Donation Drive
- Love in Action
- RISE YA Worship Night
- All-Night Prayer



## DECEMBER

- Christmas Concert

**2025**

## JANUARY

- Worship Night

## FEBRUARY

- Bowling Night

## MARCH

- Serve Team Training Day

## APRIL

- Kids Pancake Breakfast
- Good Friday & Easter Services



## MAY

- Community Clean Up
- Ladies Conference

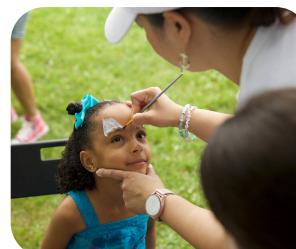
## JUNE

- Neighbourhood Outreach
- Men's Breakfast



## JULY

- Mission's Garage Sale & BBQ
- IFC Kids VBS Camp



## SEPTEMBER

- Financial Seminar

# Growing in the Knowledge of the Lord

**2 Peter 3:17-18 - <sup>17</sup>Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. <sup>18</sup>But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.**

This past year has been another season of continued growth in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We take this command seriously and literally as it is prescribed to us by the Bible. We have sensed that the Lord is trying to bring us toward another level of spiritual maturity by increasing our faith and developing our discernment. To that end, the Lord laid it on our hearts to move verse by verse through the books of Colossians and Proverbs. Both of these studies have proven useful in teaching us to manage every area of our lives for the glory and honor of God.

## **Weekly Devotionals**

Our weekly devotionals continue to be a source of encouragement and growth for our congregation. They frequently address a variety of topics concerning the Christian life and push us to deepen our devotion to the Lord. It is our desire that we continue to grow our team of devotional writers so that we may see the fruit of God's Word being planted in each of us.

## **International Fellowship of Canada Ministries: School of Theology**

Over the past two years, we have seen our theology classes grow at an amazing rate. We began our theology classes with approximately 10-12 members of our church, and we have now seen it grow closer to 30 people. With each new course, we see new members join in. When asked to share why they considered joining the class, many of them stated they wanted to grow in the knowledge of their Bibles. We are incredibly enthusiastic about the way the Lord is using these classes to spark a holy desire in our people for sound doctrine. We pray that many more would be impacted and used for the glory of Jesus Christ.





# Children's Ministry

Janna L. | Children's Pastor

**The mission of our Children's Ministry is to partner with families to disciple and evangelize the next generation.**

We believe wholeheartedly that parents are the primary disciplers of their children, and everything we do—from Sunday school lessons to Bible studies and camps—is designed to equip and support you in that sacred calling. Our prayer is that every parent would not only teach their children about God but also model Christlike love and grace at home and beyond, leading by example just as Christ leads us.

We stand in awe of God's faithfulness as our church family continues to grow. This year, we've seen a significant increase in regular Sunday attendance, reminding us of the deep need for intentional discipleship in every age group. We continued our journey through the Bible, helping children understand that Scripture is not a collection of separate stories but one unified story—the story of our Rescuer, Jesus Christ—and that they are part of His redemptive plan.



This ministry would not be possible without our incredible volunteer team. Over 30 dedicated men, women, youth, and middle school kids serve in rotation, pouring out their time, energy, and love. Every volunteer completed our annual “Plan to Protect” training to ensure a safe, nurturing, and biblically grounded environment for all children. We remain deeply thankful for their servant hearts and faithful leadership.



For our older students, the Junior High Bible Study has become a powerful space for spiritual growth and transformation. We have seen an increased hunger for God's Word and presence in their lives. Alongside receiving relevant, biblically sound teaching, they are encouraged to use their God-given gifts by serving in our Kids Church—planting seeds of leadership and a servant's heart in the next generation.

This year, we currently have 8 junior high students regularly attending. Together, we studied the books of Daniel and Revelation, and in the coming season, we will be focusing on the foundational teachings of Christ (Hebrews 6) and then diving into the Gospels. A heartfelt thank you to Bobby Alexander for co-teaching and investing in these young lives.





# VBS CAMP 2025



# TRAIL TREKKERS

This past summer, we held our second annual IFC Kids Vacation Bible School (VBS)—and it was a tremendous success! With 53 children participating, “Trail Trekkers: Trust, Submit, and Journey On” took kids on a faith-filled adventure through God’s Word using interactive lessons, worship, skits, games, and crafts. Each day focused on a camping-themed tool and connected it to a spiritual truth, teaching children about God’s love, guidance, provision, and protection. They learned to trust Him completely in their personal lives and were challenged to be light and salt in the world around them.

Our 20 passionate volunteers were the heartbeat of this ministry—loving, praying for, and encouraging every child. They met each child right where they were: from the shy ones who found confidence during crafts to the energetic ones who led worship marches, and the curious ones asking deep faith questions. Many leaders shared how God reignited their own faith through serving, with one saying, “I came to serve, but God refilled my heart.” To our extraordinary team: thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

A special thanks to Althea Burnett, Ed Velasco, Ada Ramdawar, and many others for going above and beyond in planning, prayer, and execution. Above all, we give glory to God for the lives touched and the community strengthened through this ministry.



# Men's Ministry

FAZAL KARIM | MEN'S MINISTRY LEADER

**The Men's Ministry of IFC Church has purposed to study the Word in order to show ourselves approved by God.**

As devoted men of God, our aim is to remain committed to His will for ourselves and our families. Over the past year, we have diligently explored various scripture topics, including the books of 1st and 2nd Timothy, the Sermon On the Mount, Malachi, Proverbs, and 1 Thessalonians. We have decided to establish a time for reflection and discussion as we progress through these studies, with the goal of enriching each heart and equipping them with the Word of God. Beyond mere knowledge, we aspire for our men to become active doers of the Word.

On average, our weekly Bible study attendance has remained steady at 12-16 participants. We have noted that many of our men are encouraging other brothers to join the Tuesday night studies, which is a great blessing.

To stay connected in fellowship, we hosted another men's breakfast at a local restaurant. There, we gathered together to invest in one another and deepen our relationships. We hope to continue to do more events like this in the future.



# Women's Ministry

NAOMI D. | WOMEN'S MINISTRY LEADER

**Our Women's Ministry has sought to build a community of women whose lives are built on loving God wholeheartedly and loving others as we love ourselves.**

This past year, we continued the strong emphasis on spiritual growth that has been a hallmark of our ministry. We emphasized deepening our walk in the Word, encouraging fellowship, and creating spaces for women to be empowered spiritually. We saw exponential growth in our Bible study sessions, with 17-20 women attending sessions each week. We explored books named and centered around life-changing women in the Bible and introduced a couple of thematic studies focused on topics relevant to the lives of women in general.



We saw wonderful engagement from last fiscal year's health and wellness sessions, and we built on that success by inviting ladies from among us to host various topics, which included health and wellness promotion through natural remedies, employment strategies, exploring the French language, and discussions about marriage and faith. Through these topics, we created space for open conversations so that our women felt supported in various areas of life.



We will continue to offer more practical sessions, particularly on topics related to young Christian women within our Church body.

Some highlights and key events for last year included our Women's Breakfast which took place in October 2023. Our theme was "Persevering Through Hard Times" based on Romans 5:3-4. We heard reports of renewed strength and hope. Individuals felt equipped to face their own challenges knowing that they are not alone and that perseverance is a shared spiritual journey with God always by our side. Our 1-Day Women's Conference was held in May 2024, and the key theme was "For Such a Time As This," based on Esther 4:14. This was an awesome time of worship, teaching, and fellowship. We were proud to launch our new project—Charis Care, which provides feminine and health products to women in need. We have started this work within our local community with hopes to expand globally. We closed our Bible studies year with a potluck filled with fun, food, and fellowship.

Our leadership team is committed to ensuring that women in our church know they are supported, seen, and valued. By strengthening communication via announcements, social media, and pulpit reminders, we are creating intentional pathways for every woman to be included. We remain prayerful that every step taken in this ministry will honor the Lord and bear fruit that will pass on from generation to generation. As we continue forward, our desire is to see women rooted deeply in Scripture, strengthened in fellowship, and equipped to serve their families, church, and community.



# Outreach Ministries

TONY & SUMBAL S. | OUTREACH LEADERS

## Sidewalk Care Outreach

Our Sidewalk Care Outreach ministry is proud to enter its sixth year of service in our city. We are truly grateful for the continuous support we receive, not just from our church family, but also from those within our broader community. Over the past year, we have deepened our relationships with our friends on the streets, actively working to address their needs as they arise. Through our weekly visits, where we provide tea, coffee, and sandwiches, we are able to minister to them in a small yet meaningful way.

As we enter a new ministry year, we are diligently exploring fresh ideas for our outreach strategy to spiritually connect with our friends. New relationships have been established that, with God's guidance, will hopefully create opportunities for further ministry within our city.



## Senior's Ministry & Outreach

The Senior's Ministry of IFC functions to meet the various needs of the elders within our church and also our city. This past year we have been able to continue our once-a-month Senior Luncheon on Monday afternoons. This year we were able to organize a memorable trip to St. Jacob's Farmer's Market. The seniors enjoyed the bus ride, shopping experience, and time spent together.

In 2024, one of our dedicated IFC senior volunteers served almost every Wednesday at our local seniors' home for about eight hours, helping to feed residents who face physical or intellectual limitations. One of our board members has been faithfully visiting two nursing home friends almost every Friday to provide one-on-one companionship and emotional support. Lastly, on the last Wednesday of each month, our pastors and a worship team member continue to hold a small church service, bringing joy not only to the residents but also to the nursing home staff.

To foster connection between children, parents, and grandparents, we continue to collaborate with the Children's and Prayer Ministries by hosting our "Love in Action" event. This annual event brings families together to wrap Christmas gifts for our nursing home seniors.

We thank God for all He has done through this ministry. However, we are in need of more volunteers and your prayers for continued guidance, strength, and God's leading as we move forward. We trust in His sovereign plans over us as we continue to serve and honor the elderly.

# Worship Ministry

JORDAN N. | WORSHIP DIRECTOR



**Our Worship Ministry exists to develop a passionate generation of authentic worshippers with an uncompromising heart of servanthood.**

Over the past year, we have seen a beautiful change in our times of worship together as the body of Christ. Sunday after Sunday, the congregation comes ready to engage and respond to God's presence. Similarly, our worship team, which includes musicians and vocalists, is stepping into new levels of growth by developing their talents while also growing in Christlikeness. True and sincere worship goes far beyond the songs we play and sing; it's how we live our lives and offer reverence and honor to the Almighty God.

This year was about more than our weekly worship gatherings; it also held meaningful moments beyond Sunday mornings. Early in 2025, we hosted a worship night where people came with the expectation for God to move in their lives and left renewed and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit. Later in the spring, we came together with the Production Team to show appreciation for the serving hearts and faithfulness of our teams. Beyond these gatherings, we remained committed to meeting weekly for devotionals with the Production Team, where we reflected on topics such as reverence for God, contentment, and obedience.

As we look ahead, our hearts are focused on ways to nurture both our team and the congregation in worship. This includes the possibility of Hymnal Sundays, giving our church the opportunity to engage with the songs that have shaped generations of believers, as well as hosting more worship nights that inspire unity.

Finally, we continue to seek the Lord's guidance for our worship team as we pray and ask God to bring fresh voices and talents to our team. We also ask that you join us in prayer for endurance and strength for those already serving, and for the continued spiritual growth of our congregation as they encounter Christ through worship.



John 4:23-24 *"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."*



# Prayer Ministry

CHRISTINE T. | PRAYER MINISTRY LEADER

## **The prayer of righteous person is powerful and effective - James 5:16**

As we reflect on this past year, we give all glory and thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness to our Prayer Ministry. It has truly been a year of partnering with the Holy Spirit in prayer, intercession, and witnessing God move in beautiful ways within our church family and community. We continued to earnestly seek the Lord through our Saturday Morning Prayer services. We have seen many new church members join us to pray and intercede.

This year, our ministry dedicated intentional time to partnering with the Lord in prayer over our families and children. Through the guidance of Pastor Janna, we received a list of names and divided them among the intercessors to ensure each child and family was covered in prayer. We have seen the fruit of these prayers in powerful ways. One example came during this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS), where several children from outside our church community attended—many of whom did not yet know Christ. The joy and transformation seen in their lives opened doors for meaningful conversations and opportunities to minister to families who are seeking hope and connection. We continue to trust God for ongoing relationships and salvation stories to come.

With the introduction of our online prayer request system, we have witnessed how it has linked us to a broader audience beyond our church community. This new platform has given us the opportunity to minister to and pray for the needs of these individuals while building fresh connections with them. We are actively exploring additional ways to enhance this system, ensuring that prayer is accessible to everyone who may require it. Furthermore, we have partnered with the pastoral team to incorporate more frequent times of prayer and ministry during our Sunday morning services.

Later this fall, we will also be gathering once again for our All-Night Prayer and Worship Night. We are excited for our church to come together to unite our hearts as we lift our petitions before the Lord. These nights have been powerful times of encounter, and we believe God will continue to move mightily as we seek Him together.

We thank God for what He has done this past year through the faithful prayers of His people, and we look forward to continuing to stand in the gap for our church, families, and community in the year ahead.



# Testimonies

## The Power of Prayer in the Lives of God's People

*Psalms 34:4-7 - <sup>4</sup>I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup>Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. <sup>6</sup>This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.*

### Christine & Eugene Samuel

*When we found out that my husband Eugene had cancer, we were saddened and shocked as we were told that it was stage 4. We immediately thought of our Savior Jesus and informed our pastor. We kept our thoughts and prayers focused on Jesus and continued to pray. Our IFC family helped us along by joining us throughout this stressful journey. In my heart, I thought of Jesus's promise to Hezekiah that he would live for at least 15 more years, and I prayed to Jesus to do the same for Eugene. I believe that my prayers and the prayers of the members of the church, along with the belief in Jesus's promise, mean that Eugene is on his way to healing. Eugene and I were pleasantly surprised when the doctor reported to us that all the spots in Eugene's brain and the left side of his lungs had cleared. Presently, he has 2 nodules on the right side of his lungs. We are certain that God will completely heal Eugene and help him come out victorious in beating this dreaded cancer.*

### Elsa Cabrera: God's Perfect Timing & Healing

*We give glory and honor to our faithful and loving God, who answers the cries and prayers of His children in His perfect time and way. Recently, my sister-in-law, Loida, experienced severe chest pain and difficulty breathing while walking home. She took her medication, but the pain worsened. Unable to get immediate help from family, she courageously took an Uber to the emergency room. Soon after, we learned she had a serious heart blockage and needed quadruple bypass surgery. I immediately reached out to Pastor Zia and Sister Christine, and together we began to cover her in prayer, along with our family and church community. After further testing, the doctors confirmed the surgery and scheduled it. On Monday at 11:30 AM, the procedure began and lasted four hours. By Wednesday, when we visited her, Loida was already awake, talking, and recovering well. What's more—what was originally supposed to be a quadruple bypass turned out to be only a triple bypass. Praise God! To our amazement, by Friday—just five days after surgery—Loida was discharged and sent home. Her healing and recovery have been nothing short of miraculous. We stand in awe of God's power, mercy, and divine timing. Truly, He is our Healer, our ever-present Help, and the One who holds all things together.*

### Pastor Janna - The Impact of Children's Ministry

*We have around 12 kids who attend our church but are not regularly part of our family. From what we could gather, they did not know Jesus Christ. One of the parents who reached out to me came as an invitation from a young boy whom we invited. She's Catholic, and she saw the joy in her child after attending. She opened up that she's going through a divorce and that this has been a very difficult season for her and her family. We ended up connecting, and I am praying she decides to come to our church and find a community that will walk with her. This is just an example of how God is drawing people in through the next generation. We are believing that He is already working in their hearts. We are praying for more testimonies to come because we know that it is God who is using each one of us for His Kingdom and His glory.*

***Ephesians 6:18 - And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.***

# RISE Youth High School Ministry

DARIUS J. | YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR

**The vision of RISE Youth is to equip every student with the Christian framework to live passionate, authentic and enduring Christian lives in God.**

The teenage years are among the most formative for the people we become. Many may view this as a weakness for high school-age students, as they can be easily influenced to go in the wrong direction. However, at RISE Youth, we view this time period as the perfect breeding ground for forming the Christian giants of the future!

Over the past year at RISE Youth, we've witnessed firsthand the transformative power of Christ in the lives of young people. Particular effort was made this year to develop and strengthen relational bonds between leaders, leaders and youth parents, as well as leaders and students, to create a vibrant and healthy biblical community for students to rely on, providing each student with the confidence to know they are loved and not alone in this journey of faith.



Many new systems and strategies were implemented to make this goal of connection a reality, including informative and collaborative triannual meetings with youth parents, triannual leadership meetings/trainings to equip leaders with the necessary skills to effectively mentor.

and care for youth, and most prominent of all, our new discipleship initiative, assigning each youth leader the responsibility of spiritual formation in specific youth through individualized care and mentorship. The fruit of this goal of relationship building has been highly beneficial and a core strength of the group presently, as youth relationships have strengthened dramatically, allowing leaders greater opportunities to speak biblical truths into the lives of teens.

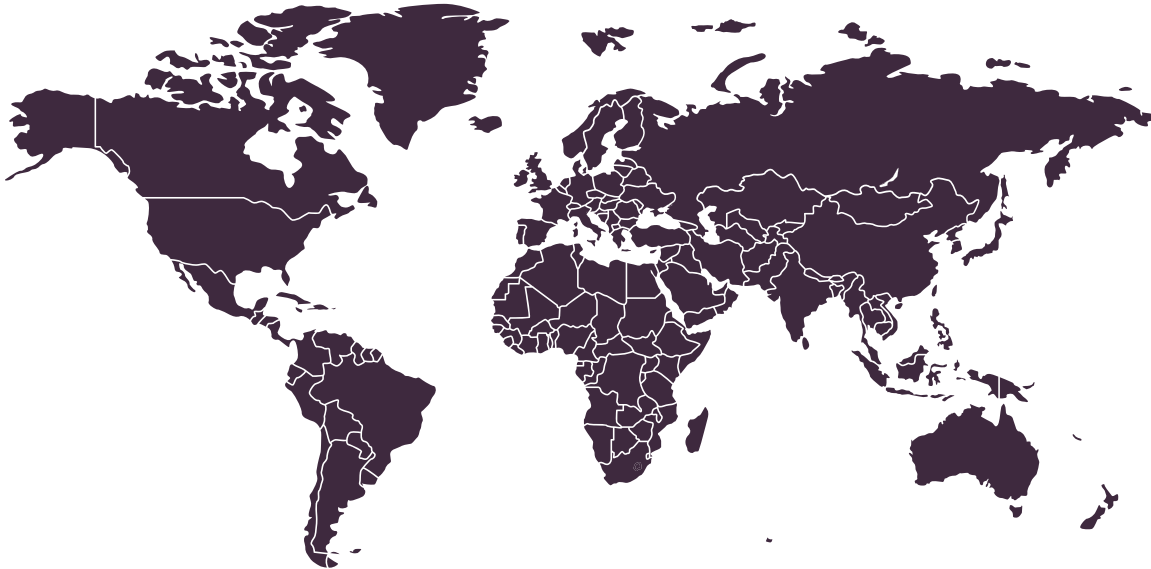


One piece of evidence of this was our end-of-school-year summer BBQ, to which teens were very receptive to the testimonial advice from members of our leadership team. In an effort to continue strengthening relational bonds, we've increased the frequency and length of our youth program to three-hour bi-weekly meetings starting in September 2025.

Moving forward, in addition to continuing our goal of growing relationships within the program, our emphasis for the 2025-2026 school year will be on biblical literacy, helping teens learn how to understand their Bibles, what they believe, and why they believe it. Please pray that the Lord will instill a passion in the lives of the youth to know God's will, as well as for the appropriate accompanying leaders to guide them on this journey.

# IFC Missions

DAWN R. | MISSION'S INTERCESSORY LEADER



**IFC Church has aimed to increase awareness for global mission efforts by providing for both the physical and spiritual needs of God's people. Our chief desire is to carry the Good News of the Gospel to the ends of the earth so that many will know the name of Jesus and continue building the global church.**

The IFC Missions Committee convened in February of this year. During the first meeting, the IFC Missions Manual was presented to the team and was approved after several small changes were made. The manual was created to provide general guidelines for the Church and the Missions leadership team as they seek to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord.

During the meetings that were convened, discussions were held on the proposed mission projects for 2025. The projects under consideration were (1) to assist with the extension of the Sanctuary at the Church in India and (2) to assist in building a hospital in the vicinity of the previously mentioned church.

After much consideration, the hospital project in India was selected as the project to be funded for 2025. However, due to the high cost of travel to India, it was decided that this would not be a "boots-on-the-ground" project, but rather strictly financial aid, with the option of two members going to deliver the funds and have an overview of the project.

Several activities were suggested to raise funds towards the project. The proposed activities included garage sales, BBQs, takeout lunches, sales of t-shirts and snacks at the church's summer events. The Committee organized a successful BBQ and garage sale over the summer which netted over \$3,000.00. A second garage sale scheduled for August was canceled due to the church's renovation plans.

Currently, the India Mission project is on hold while Pastor Zia examines the transfer of funds. Going forward, the Mission Committee will be exploring mission opportunities that align with IFC's vision of missions within Brampton's local community and Canada as a whole. We continue to pray for the right people who are passionate and committed to the call of the Lord; for guidance as to where and to whom to direct our missionary efforts; for divine appointment of the right people in the right positions and the financial resources to fund the approved projects.