

# ICM

International Care Ministries  
2007-2008  
Annual Report





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ICM is a registered charity in the Philippines, Hong Kong and the United States.



# poverty

International Care Ministries is an indigenous Christian charity in the Philippines. ICM has been working for 16 years to bring help, hope and change to the ultra-poor in Negros, Bohol and Mindanao. ICM offers tangible relief by providing for essential needs such as nutrition, health care, education and livelihood. By partnering with local churches, these assets are delivered in the context of a sustained emotional and spiritual support network which encourages the efforts of the poor as they struggle to climb out of poverty.

ICM works with the ultra-poor in the Philippines who live on about 1/8th of the United Nation's US\$1.25 per day standard for poverty. Urban poverty and rural poverty look very different, but at their core are isolation, hopelessness and loneliness. While the urban poor live in densely crowded shanty towns built over waste water drains, the rural poor live in remote communities without electricity or transportation. Both lack access to clean water, proper sanitation and adequate housing. Both are vulnerable to sickness due to malnutrition. Poor health contributes to a lack of ability to get an education or skills to get a job. ICM comes alongside of these desperate people and brings help, hope and change.



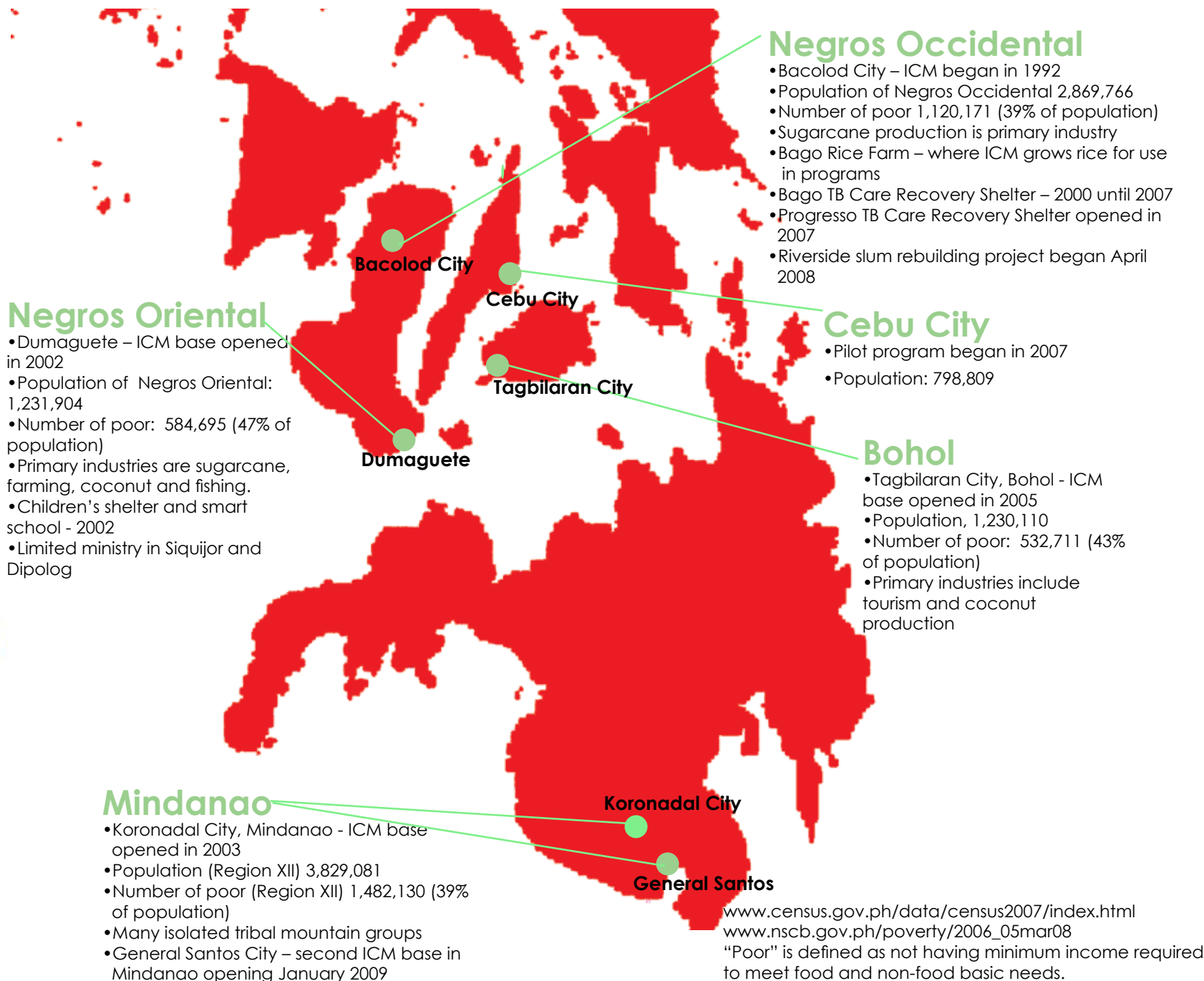
In the 2007/08 Fiscal Year, through partnerships with churches in 1,266 communities, ICM provided:

- 22 pre-schools for 537 children, including 118,000 nutritious lunches
- 15,000 people (3,068 families) with weekly health care classes and weekly gifts of 4kg of rice
- 79,812 individuals with medical treatment and 2,005,923 doses of free medicine
- 3,100 people with surgery, emergency services or specialist treatment and
- Residential rehabilitation and livelihood training for 78 tuberculosis sufferers.



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# where icm operates



# the FEEDing program

## Fostering Education, Encouragement and Diet

The FEEDing Program fosters change in impoverished families and communities through education, encouragement and diet. United Nations sanctioned health care education and basic Christian living courses are taught in selected impoverished communities. Hosted by the partnering church, these classes provide encouragement to recipients with a sustained network of emotional, social and spiritual support. Additionally, the diet of the 25 neediest families identified in the poor community is supplemented with four kg of rice each week for six months. This program is a gateway for ICM's education, medical and livelihood programs. The FEEDing Program leads to an increased level of hope and dignity for recipients, increasing their capacity to effectively fight against poverty.

Number of communities served	118
Number of health care and basic Christian living courses taught:	5,664
Number of families who received 4 kg of rice each week	3,068
Amount of rice distributed	322,515kgs



In June of 2008, ICM began a new microfinance program in partnership with the Center for Community Transformation (CCT). ICM recipients who complete the six month FEEDing Program will be trained by CCT in small business skills such as financial responsibility, budgeting and the importance of saving. As participants demonstrate ability, they will receive microloans to start new businesses. Pilot programs in a few communities are being tested in 2008/09 and hopefully by 2009/10 ICM will be able to implement this new program on a large scale.



*"Thank you for the groceries that help us in our daily needs. Everything has changed in my family because before we were full of problems and it was really hard for us. But for now the blessings of God are always coming to us unexpected. We are changed through the teaching and the help."*

Victoria Astacaan – recipient, Bohol

2007/08	8,955,954 Phil Peso	1,518,618 HK\$	194,695 US\$
2008/09	10,388,000 Phil Peso	1,761,443 HK\$	225,826 US\$



ICM's Medical Program provides medicine and medical care to the needy through three distinct programs.

### Medical Open Air Clinics (OACs)

ICM's medical clinics bring trained medical professionals to poor communities that lack access to adequate medical care. Open to the entire community, the clinics offer medical assessments, medicine and, for those with more serious conditions, referrals to doctors in the community who volunteer their services to ICM patients. Emotional and spiritual counseling is provided by the partner church in the community.

2007/08	8,937,454 Phil Peso	1,515,481 HK\$	194,292 US\$
2008/09	12,013,000 Phil Peso	2,036,987 HK\$	261,152 US\$

Number of full-day OACs operated	2,001
Number of patients seen	79,812
Doses of medicine administered	2,005,923
Referrals to local doctors	1,292



### Tuberculosis Care Recovery Shelter (CRS)

ICM's CRS provides residential medical care for chronic TB patients. As patients recover over their usual stay of six to nine months, they receive three substantial meals each day, housing and courses on primary health education and the basics in Christian living. Patients also receive training in container farming techniques and livelihood opportunities, for which they each receive a microloan for start up of that livelihood upon leaving the Shelter.

2007/08	3,196,439 Phil Peso	542,005 HK\$	69,488 US\$
2008/09	4,550,000 Phil Peso	771,522 HK\$	98,913 US\$

Note: 2007/08 was a start-up year for the Progresso CRS. 2008/09 is budgeted for full capacity of 96 patients.

Number of patients treated	78
Doses of medicine administered	51,216
Number of meals served	85,410





# programs

## Special Medical Case Funds

Donor-established funds cover the costs of serious medical procedures for patients who cannot afford them. Examples of the conditions suffered by patients include severe electrical burns, hernias, broken limbs, cancer and complicated pregnancies. At the end of the year, donors receive a report on those who have benefited from their giving.

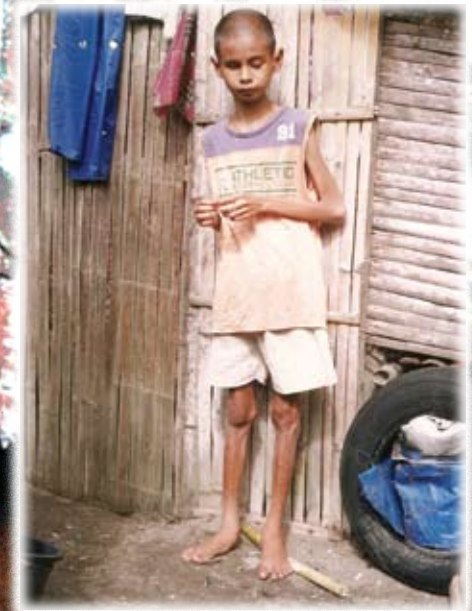
2007/08	5,474,056 Phil Peso	928,210 HK\$	119,001 US\$
2008/09	6,389,000 Phil Peso	1,083,352 HK\$	138,891 US\$

Note: Medical crisis cases are funded primarily through off-budget private funds from donors.

Number of patients receiving SMC funds	3,210
Number of special medical case funds established by donors in 2007/08	48

"James who lives in Bohol is 16 years old. He became progressively sick over the last year until he was so weak that he could no longer stand unaided. His weight dropped and his hair fell out. He quit school. When ICM held an open-air clinic in his town James' mother insisted that he go. He could not walk himself so his brothers carried him to the clinic in a chair. The medical staff referred James and his mother to an ICM partner doctor who was able to diagnose diabetes. An SMC fund paid for his insulin for the next year and James has made a remarkable recovery. His hair has grown back, his weight increased and he is able to attend school again."

Reported by Anna Mayhugh







In an environment of extreme poverty, women and children are often the most at risk. ICM has programs specifically targeted to support and empower women and children in their fight against poverty.

## Preschools

ICM's preschools are offered to the most vulnerable children in communities with limited or no access to educational opportunities. The goal is to prepare students to enter the public school system by giving them a head start on reading, writing and math skills. But the overall benefit of ICM's preschool program reaches far beyond education. Students receive nutritious meals each day prepared by teams of parents who are taught the value of a balanced diet. Their parents also receive weekly classes in health care and spiritual life issues in the context of a new network of friendships. ICM's preschools inspire hope to entire communities and show new potential for the next generation.

2007/08	4,765,161 Phil Peso	808,005 HK\$	103,590 US\$
2008/09	8,480,000 Phil Peso	1,437,913 HK\$	184,348 US\$

In 2008/9, ICM will operate 38 preschools which will allow 950 students and their families to participate. To facilitate these schools, ICM will employ two teachers per school, bringing added financial stability to 76 families. We are currently raising funds to provide grants for each of the preschool graduates to continue into public school.

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Number of preschools operated	22
Number of students enrolled	537
Number of meals served during the 10 month school year	115,455
Number of parents attending weekly classes in health care and spiritual life issues	658
Number of teachers employed	44
Number of children continuing into public school in 2008/09	385



*"The significance of feeding in our preschools cannot be underestimated. While students in other schools bring lunchboxes with whatever their parents have managed to prepare for them from their inadequate budget, our students bring empty lunchboxes where they can put their left overs to be eaten for dinner."*

Annie Tapuz, Regional In-Charge  
for Preschools in Dumaguete



# men and children

## Children's Shelter

ICM's Dumaguete children's shelter houses and cares for 17 children and young adults who have no families to support them. Some of the children have a physical or mental disability. In order to support their special needs, either physical, mental or emotional, ICM has been operating a school at the shelter for the children. However, since June 2008, to increase the children's involvement with the local community, all but one of the children have been attending public school.

Number of children at the shelter	17
Number of home cooked meals served	18,615+
Hugs given	immeasurable

Seventeen year old Susan Entong has lived at ICM's Children's Shelter since being badly burned more than four years ago. Having undergone a series of 8 operations to repair her damaged body she is now a key member of the Shelter. She lists her hobbies as "bowling, going to the mall and spending time with friends and family". These are the things most kids take for granted, but not Susan!



2007/08	1,644,715 Phil Peso	278,886 HK\$	35,755 US\$
2008/09	1,527,000 Phil Peso	258,926 HK\$	33,196 US\$



## Ministry to Precious Women

ICM's Ministry to Precious Women is geared to help women leave prostitution. Individualized assistance and microloans are provided to each woman to develop alternative livelihoods, such as becoming a tricycle taxi driver, running a sari-sari store, cooking or making handicrafts. Additionally, the 25 participants receive 4kgs of rice each week to supplement the nutritional needs of their families. The women also attend primary health education and basics in Christian living courses. Their children of preschool age are enrolled in an ICM preschool. This year-long program provides a buffer of safety as the women seek to establish their new lifestyles. In 2008/09 the MPW will operate in Negros Oriental, Negros Occidental and in Mindanao, allowing a total of 75 women and their families to be served through this program.

2007/08	451,903 Phil Peso	76,627 HK\$	9,824 US\$
2008/09	1,197,000 Phil Peso	202,970 HK\$	26,022 US\$

"My name is Roselle, a recipient of Ministry for Precious Women .... Before my life has no direction, I used to work as a 'bar girl' in one of the night spots here in Bacolod. My life was full of miseries and I don't know what to do where to go and what is my life to be. Until a program for 'prostitutes' was opened in our place. I learned about Jesus through the Bible study. . . Now, I'm faithfully serving Him . . . my live-in partner and I vowed our commitment in marriage . . . Praise God also for the micro loan. It really was a great help for my family. Aside from our little business, I also work as manicurist and doing laundry, just to add to our daily needs. I'm happy even with this kind of work as long as it's a decent work. To God Be The Glory!"

Roselle, MPW Recipient



# livelihood programs

Helping those in poverty establish sustainable livelihoods is a challenging, but important component of ICM's programs. ICM continues to develop and adjust its livelihood programs, and in 2007/08 discontinued two programs, redirecting those resources into more effective programs.

The **Pig Program** provides piglets to recipients for breeding and fattening. Recipients breed sows to build a small herd, while also fattening piglets for market. ICM also provides training in pig raising and mixed-feeding techniques. ICM is repaid via piglets from future litters. After assessment, ICM has decided to discontinue the breeding of piglets, finding it cheaper to purchase them as needed to further grow the program. The move to mixed-feeding techniques is significantly improving program efficiency. There are currently more than 130 recipients, and we are confident this improved model materially adds to recipient's incomes at a attractive cost to ICM.



2007/08	3,731,301 Phil Peso	632,699 HK\$	81,115 US\$
2008/09	2,428,000 Phil Peso	411,704 HK\$	52,783 US\$



**Container Farming Technology** is taught at the Bago rice farm near Bacolod where ICM grows rice for its programs. Each of the FEEDing Program communities will be trained to grow vegetables in hanging containers for personal use or sale.

The **Computer Technology School** in General Santos aimed to train and certify students in computer repair. Although the first two classes of students graduated well, passing the certificate assessment, the school has been closed due to the inability of most graduates to find jobs after completion of the program. That said, two graduates have been employed by Hong Kong NGO Crossroads International in their Computer Department. The General Santos facility will now be used for a new residential tuberculosis care shelter for the Mindanao region.

ICM's **Handicraft Program** trains a feeding group to make a product, such as homemade paper cards, which is bought by ICM and sold abroad in Hong Kong and the US. The recipient's income is used as seed capital to start a new business (which ICM helps them develop). Businesses include raising animals, running a small store, selling cell phone "load", or selling food. In 2007/08, 92 recipients started a new small business through this program. Approximately 50% are still in operation after a year.

A new initiative in the handicraft program is the **Red Rope Project**. A group of 14 women have been trained to hand sew silk quilts, table runners, cushion covers and other products. We are currently looking for avenues to market these high quality original items.



# vision trips

During the 2007/08 fiscal year, 15 different groups, totaling 198 people, traveled to the Philippines to see and support ICM's work firsthand. Some of these trips were Vision Trips, where people saw each of ICM's programs in action and helped at a large celebration event. Others were groups who ran a kids' camp or women's retreat. On one trip a dentist worked with ICM staff to design a program for dentistry care in the slums.

This year we've also coordinated building trips. ICM is partnering with Gawad Kalinga, a non-profit Catholic organization of the Philippines, to rebuild the entire 800 family Riverside slum in Banago, Bacolod City. Since the groundbreaking on Easter Sunday, 2008, GK, ICM, Riverside residents and HK volunteers have built forty-five homes!

It is extremely encouraging to the ICM staff and recipients to know that people outside of the Philippines care about their lives and struggles

*"I once heard that if you would like to help the poor, you should go see it and feel it for yourself. For my part, the house-building trip to Bacolod broadened my perspectives about poverty and people: It allowed me an eye-opening encounter, not only with poverty, but also with the real women and men who are fighting to hold onto the basics of human dignity. I learned the love of God, which touches these vulnerable people who, I learned, have as much a consciousness as any of us. Most importantly, the trip has taught me to see others through the eyes of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Nancy Lin, a building trip participant





The effectiveness of ICM's programs is dependent upon its commitment to the Church Empowerment Program. The goal of the CEP is to strengthen the effectiveness of the local church to better equip them to serve the poor and needy living in their communities. All of ICM's programs are delivered through partnerships with slum and rural church communities. This partnership allows the recipients of the tangible benefits of each program (medicine, food, preschools) to also receive an intangible social support network found in a community of people who bring encouragement, counseling, connectedness and hope. This social capital is an essential asset in the fight against poverty.

2007/08	14,885,668 Phil Peso	2,524,091 HK\$	323,601 US\$
2008/09	14,923,000 Phil Peso	2,530,422 HK\$	324,413 US\$

ICM Partners churches in 2007/08	1,266
Newly trained pastors and counselors	2,710
Counselor training sessions held	320
Worship training	7 conferences attended by 986 leaders from 117 churches
Women in ministry	4 conferences attended by over 400 women leaders
Celebration events for ICM partnering churches	25
Attendance at celebration events	36,004
Film showings in remote villages	282 shows attended by 33,260 people





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*"Part of the film showing ministry is taking health promotion films and films with good values to areas where the local people may have never seen a movie before. One of these is a remote mountain area called Eskaya, about three hours from the closest town. Many of Eskaya's residents have never been beyond the nearest town. The people were really curious, especially the children. About 200 people came from the surrounding area to watch the films. Many responded to the message and discussion of the film afterwards. They begged the staff to come back again for another film showing so they could bring the rest of their families."*

Reported by ICM staff in Bohol



## Children's Christian Education

An important part of the Church empowerment Program is ICM's Children's Christian Education program. In communities where ICM's preschools are not operating, ICM provides teacher training and curriculum to local church members. These teachers hold weekly classes for children in the community. These classes provide structured adult-supervised education (and fun!) that is not readily available in the slums in which they live. These are popular in communities where little supervised activities are held for children.

Number of active volunteer teachers	361
Number of classes held during the year	6,656
Number of students attending classes each week	28,255





# icm staff

## Philippine Executive Committee

Pakito Yeneza,  
Acting Chief Executive Officer



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## Hong Kong volunteer staff overseen by

Julie Turner, Hong Kong Executive Director, Volunteer





# financial information

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INTERNATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES PHILIPPINES INC.

Fiscal year end May 31, 2008 (actual) and May 31, 2009 (budget)

	Percentage of Budgeted Expenditures	Philippines Pesos		Hong Kong Dollars		US Dollars	
		2007/08 Actual	2008/09 Budget	2007/08 Actual	2008/09 Budget	2007/08 Actual	2008/09 Budget
<b>DONATIONS</b>		<b>66,720,725</b>		<b>11,313,514</b>		<b>1,450,451</b>	
<b>Total Feeding Program</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>8,955,954</b>	<b>10,388,000</b>	<b>1,518,618</b>	<b>1,761,443</b>	<b>194,695</b>	<b>225,826</b>
Medical Clinics		8,937,454	12,013,000	1,515,481	2,036,987	194,292	261,152
Medical Crisis Cases		5,474,056	6,389,000	928,210	1,083,352	119,001	138,891
Tuberculosis Program		3,196,439	4,550,000	542,005	771,522	69,488	98,913
Other Medical Programs		261,198	321,000	44,290	54,430	5,678	6,978
<b>Total Medical Programs</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>17,869,147</b>	<b>23,273,000</b>	<b>3,029,986</b>	<b>3,946,291</b>	<b>388,460</b>	<b>505,935</b>
<b>Total Livelihood Programs</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3,731,301</b>	<b>2,428,000</b>	<b>632,699</b>	<b>411,704</b>	<b>81,115</b>	<b>52,783</b>
Preschools		4,765,161	8,480,000	808,005	1,437,913	103,590	184,348
Children's Shelter		1,644,715	1,527,000	278,886	258,926	35,755	33,196
Scholarships		640,929	1,921,000	108,679	325,735	13,933	41,761
Precious Women		451,903	1,197,000	76,627	202,970	9,824	26,022
<b>Total Women and Children's Programs</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>7,502,708</b>	<b>13,125,000</b>	<b>1,272,198</b>	<b>2,225,543</b>	<b>163,102</b>	<b>285,326</b>
Counselor Support and Monitoring		4,413,124	6,355,000	748,312	1,077,587	95,937	138,152
Community Feeding Programs		432,211	693,000	73,288	117,509	9,396	15,065
Celebration Events and Worship Training		7,340,586	4,267,000	1,244,708	723,535	159,578	92,761
Christian Children's Education		1,347,243	1,600,000	228,446	271,304	29,288	34,783
Other Outreach Programs		1,352,504	2,008,000	229,338	340,487	29,402	43,652
<b>Total Church Empowerment Programs</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>14,885,668</b>	<b>14,923,000</b>	<b>2,524,091</b>	<b>2,530,422</b>	<b>323,601</b>	<b>324,413</b>
<b>Cebu Initiative</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,909,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>493,265</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,239</b>
<b>Total Centralized Expenditures</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>12,897,734</b>	<b>12,100,000</b>	<b>2,187,007</b>	<b>2,051,739</b>	<b>280,386</b>	<b>263,043</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>65,842,512</b>	<b>76,146,000</b>	<b>11,164,600</b>	<b>13,420,409</b>	<b>1,431,359</b>	<b>1,720,565</b>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>878,213</b>		<b>148,914</b>		<b>19,092</b>	

- Notes
- Exchange rates 1US\$ = 7.8 HK\$ = 46 Php
  - Centralized expenditures include rent and utilities for all operating offices, salaries of centralized staff, all travel expenses and depreciation of fixed assets
  - Cash reserves at May 2008 were completely absorbed by September 2008. Cash reserves at October 2008 are near zero.
  - ICM's financial statements are audited by certified public accountants in the Philippines and are available upon request.





For more information go to: [www.caremin.com](http://www.caremin.com)

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ICM is a registered charity in the Philippines, Hong Kong and the USA.

Audited financial statements and certificates of tax exemption are available upon request.

Donations:

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For a US tax receipts make checks payable to "Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc."