



IFC Church

PASTOR'S REPORT 2021 TO DATE



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Executive Summary

The year 2021 was indeed a memorable one for the IFC family and the body of Christ. The various Ministries in IFC worked tirelessly to ensure that the church achieved her aim and objective of fighting the good fight of faith. We had a total of eight (8) Guest Speakers in 2021 who helped us in amplifying the theme of the year and also strengthened the faith of members. We are grateful to God that the COVID19 situation did not prevail over us as a church in 2021.

In May of 2021 we were able to disciple and baptize five members of the church. Three families (Elder Kawuma, Bro. Archie CHIROMO and Bro. Uдеми family) return to their home countries. We dedicated three new born babies in 2021 and conducted two wedding ceremonies. We were able to install metal pillars in the sanctuary as part of our building reinforcement plan. Thanks to Elder Chanda for supervising the building reinforcement project and ensuring that there was no compromise.

In December of 2021 the church extended her helping hands (financial assistance) to some of our members who are involved in reaching out to children groups and orphanage homes. With the help of God Shalom House was able to admit thirteen new Treasures in 2021.

Formal registration process of the church as a Christian association of English speakers is on going. A committee comprising Lawerance, Sophitou and Elder Yao was setup to oversea the registration process and they are doing a great work. Once the process is completed, the IFC Church would be

able to legally establish mission school, hospital and any other Christian humanitarian business.

Church Ministries Activities in 2021 to date

CHILDREN MINISTRY: The Children's Ministry, besides their regular Sunday services organized a total of one major event in 2021:

1. Vacation Bible School (VBS): VBS is a week long programme. The 2021 edition was done virtually due to the COVID19 situation and it ran from 1st to 5th of August 2021. Children were engaged in different activities virtually through out the duration of the school, and ultimately Christ was preached to this children.

Youth Ministry: The youth ministry caters to children between the age bracket of 12 to 19 years. The ministry has 9 teachers; 3 males and 6 females. The ultimate goal of this ministry is to build our children both spiritually and socially, create a sense of responsibility and how to remain firm in their faith when they venture out into the world. The ministry seeks to prepare the IFC youth for the real world that is out there and how they can face it in faith and dependence on God. Our desire is by the time a child graduates to the Young Adult Ministry he/she would have been fully grounded in his/her relationship with God. The ministry increase the age limit of youth she carter to In 2018 to 19 in order to ensure as we realized that the 18 and 19-year-olds were left in a limbo until the graduated into the Young Adult ministry. Below are the planned activities for 2021/2022 for the youth ministry.

Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
Teens Outreach Program (TOP) (Feb 26 th , 2022) Visit to Prison inmate	Teens Career Path Seminar (TCPS) (April 16 th , 2022)	Teens Skill Acquisition Program (TSAG) (July 6 th - 11 th , 2022)	Teens Outreach Program (TOP) (Oct 8 th , 2022)

Teens Worship and Wonder (TWW) (March 19 th , 2022)	Teens Parent summit (TPS) (May 26 th , 2022)	Teens Leadership Conference (TLC) (August 6 th , 2022)	Teens Thanksgiving Event (TTE) (Nov 27 th , 2022)

Young Adult’s Ministry: The young adult ministry, beside their monthly worship service organized a couple of programs such as

1. Career seminar
2. Love feast
3. Drama weekend (The focus was on the crucifixion)

Women Ministry: The women ministry, beside weekly virtual meeting, organized a couple of events in 2021.

1. Mother’s day 2021
2. Fasting and Prayer event
3. Outreach to the prison

Welcoming & Visitation Committee: The Welcoming and Visitation Committee received and followed up a total number of one hundred and ninety three (193) first timers in 2021.

Sunday Bible Study: The average attendance of the Sunday Bible Study class varies widely from four to eight participants. But in recent times the attendance increased significantly.

Social Committee: The primary responsibility of this committee is to help with decoration and catering services for the different church ministry.

Prayer Ministry: The prayer ministry in 2021 witnessed improvement in discipline, proactiveness, drive and participation amongst all intercessors, although more needs to be achieved in this area. The intercessors among other things meet every Sunday for 30-minute before commencement of church service and also meet after Wednesday service for 30 minutes prayer.

Music Ministry: There was a slight decline in membership in 2021 as a result of some of our members leaving Abidjan for school, work, etc. In recent time we have experienced slight numeric growth though the choir is still predominantly female. One of our committed tenor singer, Brother Charles Charity Ikpekpe passed away.

The ministry Annual Retreat did not hold in 2021 due to the impact of the pandemic.

The choir organised a **Total Praise Service** in collaboration with the Women's Ministry on the 28th of November 2021. The annual concert did not hold in 2021 but the annual caroling was held on the 12th of December 2021.

Mission Committee:The Mission Committee was able to achieve the following in 2021:

1. Helped in contacting various guest speakers who came and blessed us during the mission emphasis month.
2. Support Shalom house
3. Support approved missions works

Men's Ministry: The Men's Ministry were able to accomplish the following in 2021 through the grace of God:

1. Father's Day event
2. Supported Bereaved families

Area Fellowship: The year 2021 is indeed remarkable for the IFC cell fellowship. We now have ten functioning cells in Abidjan and hope to increase our leadership base in 2022. The Fellowship was able to organizing her first ever family and friends event and we thank God that it was largely successful. Meetings for most of the fellowship centers are still virtual.

Benevolent Committee: The Benevolent Committee in 2021 like in the previous year spent millions of CFA in meeting clothing, food, and medical needs of members, and this was only

made possible through members giving.

Finance Committee: The finance committee has been working very hard and will keep working hard to ensure detail and comprehensive documentation and accounting of all church funds.

Media Ministry: In 2021, the Media Ministry worked tirelessly to ensure that the output from the public address system was OK and also ensured a timely transcription of Sunday service sermon for onward circulation to members via our social media platforms.

Outreach Ministry: In 2021 the outreach department in collaboration with other ministries have been involved in reaching out to the street kids, orphanage home and brothels in Abidjan.

Usher's Ministry:The Ushering ministry continued to ensure that we made our guest and members comfortable during our services. Not much was done in terms of capacity building in 2021, but we hope to organize workshop in the near future that will help develop the competence level of members of our team.