

HIPM Newsletter – 2014



I am so glad to reach you through this newsletter. 2014 has been a wonderful year in many different ways. Some of us who started this year with a great excitement have completed this year with a sense of achievement. Few others might have been discouraged with what 2014 offered them. Nevertheless, the future is more promising according to the scripture in *Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Never turn back to 2014 to grieve over what went wrong, but to thank God for what went right and to learn from the failures. The missed opportunities, wrong decisions that were made, unexpected losses, sudden health decline, broken relationships, misunderstandings, financial struggles, work pressure and uncertainties might have stretched you beyond your limit. Thank God none of these damages are irrecoverable as God says, *"I will restore to you the years that the locusts have eaten" Joel 2:25.* Trust in God for the glorious days which are ahead of you. Thank God for He is still working in our lives. *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them, Ephesians 2:10.* So let us take courage and move forward.

I take this opportunity to present some of the highlights of this year. 2014 has been a great year for HIPM as we had taken some new initiatives. I have seen the ministry expanding into areas I never thought of. I have seen lives touched by the love of God and transformed by the Word of God.

I appreciate the commitment of the HIPM church members, the congregation, the prayer conference prayer partners and the men's and children conference members. I thank the board members Debby Blentzas, Mary Krish and Roy Chacko for their support and guidance. I have also seen the sacrificial giving of those who obeyed the New Testament law of giving and found us worthy to invest in God's kingdom. I appreciate your commitment to God and for standing with us.

I wish and pray for health, endurance, prosperity, safety and spiritual abundance for you and your family in the days ahead.

Servant of the living God,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Balan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Highlights of 2104

Various advancements were made in the ministry front during 2014. Following are the highlights.

Youth group

A youth group was started at the church under the leadership of Samantha & Gerald. Every month the youth gather together for a time of fun activities, games and interactive study of scripture.



Women's retreat



Women's retreat was conducted in the month of July. It was a very effective and interactive time of knowing and sharing the truth. All were blessed as the Spirit of God swept over them at the time of prayer.

Vacation Bible School

This year's VBS "Workshop of Wonders" was a blessing as more than 25 kids registered and participated. Tremendous cooperation among the teachers, volunteers, parents and the church families made this VBS a successful event. Kids gave their lives to Jesus at the end of the day. Special thanks to Jennifer Smith and Sujana Ranjan.



BBQ



Our community BBQ went very well as we had a good time of fellowship with the church families and few members of the Beechville, Lakeside and Timberlea community. George Blentzas coordinated this event along with Gerald Gulliford. John Nakka and Gerald provided their BBQ equipment and Sysco sponsored patties and hot dogs.

Prayer Conference Leader (PCL)

Prayer Conference Leaders were identified to take the prayer conference ministry further into the future. They also represent HIPM in their local community. These leaders meet with us once in a month over a conference line to discuss the coordination and growth strategies of the prayer conference. They

are committed to take this responsibility in addition to their commitment with the local assembly. To know more about them, please visit <http://www.hipm.org/group/prayer-leader/>

TV Ministry

God opened an opportunity to work with Eastlink, a Canadian cable television service provider, to have our church program broadcasted in the community channel (Ch.10 and Ch.610) on every Sunday at 12:00 noon. Please visit <http://www.hipm.org/ministries/tv-ministry/> to know more about the TV ministry.



Child Sponsorship

Two orphan children from Tanzania are sponsored by the church and a member family through the PAOC's ERDO child sponsorship program. For more information, please visit <http://www.hipm.org/hipm-child-sponsorship-program/>

Oxford Outreach



Every month we visit the residents of Oxford manor and conduct one hour service by singing hymns, sharing the Word and praying for them. It is a time of great refreshment and joy as we minister to the elders who have no privilege of participating in a regular church service. Joy Sison organizes this outreach and Debby Blentzas leads the service.

Christmas Outreach

A community Christmas outreach was conducted on Dec 13th at Lakeside Community Centre. Church children as well as Sparkles Kids Care children performed. After sharing the Word, many gave their lives to Christ. It was a time of great joy and blessing to the families and to the community. To listen to the Christmas message please visit, <http://www.hipm.org/sermon-gallery/>

To see more pictures, please visit the [photo album](#).



Small Group

Small groups are conducted every month at two different locations in Halifax. It has been a great opportunity to meet some of the new families and to fellowship with those who may not come to the church. Roy Chacko and John Nakka opened their houses for the meetings.

Prayer Conference

New members

We once again welcome all the new members and thank you for those who introduced them to the conference.

- Suguna Mohandas introduced by Latha Jayanth
- Prabha Devasingh introduced by Yamini Suresh
- Shobana Gnanaprakasam introduced by Priya Margaret
- Aruna Dani introduced by Esther Mano
- Sojila Libin introduced by Jaisha John
- Jeyalatha introduced by Joy Marylin

Fasting prayers

The 21 days fasting prayer was conducted four times during the year (Mar, Jun, Sep & Dec). Many participated in the fasting and God answered many of the prayer requests. Some of the testimonies are listed below.

Testimonies

We would like to thank and praise God for what He has done during 2014. These are only a few of many testimonies that we could list; there were countless blessings we received from the Lord during 2014.

- Sherin Blessen – Sherin got married this year, it was a result of prayer and waiting for God's will and His timing.
- Mercy Roy – God helped her daughter Roopa in early detection of the condition and was with her in the surgery and healed her completely.
- Geetha Paul – Geetha got a job after a long time waiting, it was a result of prayer and God's favor.
- Fibin & Joyce – Received their Permanent Residency in Canada after facing so many hurdles on their way.
- Elvin & Anju – God moved them from Winnipeg to Halifax and gave them a job and helped to settle in Halifax.
- Rose Ann – Got her job in Calgary after a long time of waiting. God blessed her abundantly.
- Sivakami – As the Lord promised in the beginning of the year she got a job. This was a result of the 21 days fasting prayer.
- Julia Henry – Got visa extension as a result of the 21 days fasting prayer.
- Prabha – God helped her husband to submit a research paper along with his tight schedule in the workplace.
- Esther Praveen – God healed her from acidity and her biopsy results were normal.
- Shalini Vijay – God has been with her through the Chemotherapy. The prayer conference has been a blessing, comfort and encouragement all through the year.
- Gowri Senthil - Her son Bose had protein in his urine. God heard our prayers and healed him.

- Vinolia Jayaseelan - Her ulcer test reports came back normal. God healed her daughter Valentina completely after her surgery.
- Sarah Davidar- Her son Josiah had nausea and fainted frequently. God touched him and his MRI scan results were normal.
- Aruna Dani - God blessed her with a baby boy. God resolved all the medical insurance claims that were denied initially.
- Jaisha John – Became pregnant after 4 long years.
- Amala David - Her husband had knee pain. After consulting with the doctor all his reports were normal.
- Shanthi Herbert – God healed her mother as she had blood in her urine.
- Ramola - God healed her husband’s back pain.
- Latha Jeyanth – Received their Green Card.
- Thaya Nathan – God made her surgery a success and is strengthening her day by day.
- Hepzi Durai—God brought her son to the US and gave him a job.
- Suguna Mohandoss - The ultrasound reports regarding her thyroid gland enlargement was normal. She also had a blood clot in her leg. All reports were normal.
- Joy Balan - We became citizens of Canada after a long process which started in 2004.
- Lucksha Chandran - Her brother- in-law Rajendren got saved. A result of persevering prayer.
- Shalini Vijay – Her cousin Santhosh passed the Paralegal license exam by the grace of God.
- Priya Maragaret – God healed her back pain. Also her husband was blessed with a new job. We prayed for the marriage restoration of Ganeshmoorthy and Nawina. They got reunited after 3 years of separation.
- Shanthi Selavamoni - God healed her from severe abdominal pain. All appendicitis tests reports came back normal. Her husband passed the IELTS exam.
- Vanaja Rani - She cleared the Medical license exam which she was trying for ten years.
- Helen Moses - Her sister-in -law Jessy Isaac got her work permit in Saudi after being with no job for 18 months.
- Shanthi George – God healed Arockia Dhas from heart problems and a tumor in his stomach. Also Shanthi’s sister Ruby got married in this year which was prayed in the prayer conference for the past 6 years.