



Annual Report of Asian American Ministries 2017

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General Superintendent Dr. David A. Basic, District Superintendent Art Alexander, members, and friends of the Metro New York 2018 District Assembly. I am honored to bring to you my 10th report for Asian American Ministries. What a blessing it has been to serve as the Director of such a wonderful ministry. As I reflect upon this past year in ministry, I do so with the utter and profound gratitude to God for the opportunity to serve.

WHO WE ARE: Asian American Ministries (AAM) Inc. is a non-profit and an integrated Auxiliary of Metro New York District Church of the Nazarene, as a multi-congregational and multi-service organization.

VISION: To Reach the Unchurched, Grow Christ-like Disciples and Start New Churches (Mark 16:15)

Mission Why AAM is necessary in New York and should serve as a bridge-builder to bring Asians and all nations to the Lord? And how has AAM been doing the mission work?

New York City is a cultural mosaic full of opportunities to share the gospel. It is the quintessential global city, with hundreds of distinct ethnic groups representing every major world religion. There are over 800,000 Muslims in Metro New York - making 1 out of every 10 New Yorker, a Muslim, and making it one of the largest Muslim cities in the Western Hemisphere. There are over 400,000 Hindus in the New York area with very little Gospel outreach to them. There are over 650,000 Chinese and 6 different Chinatowns in Metro New York, making it one of the largest concentrations of Chinese people, outside of Asia. New York City is home to over 80,000 Sikhs, more than 70,000 Arabs, and over 70,000 Pakistanis, many of whom retain close ties to their home countries. (Particularly noteworthy is that world religions such as Muslims, Hindus and Buddhism have all originated in Asia and have spread throughout the world)

With Church of the Nazarene

[AAM Being in Fruitful Partnership with Flushing First Church of the Nazarene \(FFCN\)](#)

One of the biggest and greatest priorities for our church partnership with AAM over the last 10 years, without a doubt, has been Community Outreach cooperatively. FFCN is a congregation that welcomes a diversity of cultures and viewpoints. We have 50 full memberships, 30 associate members. They are: African American, Armenian, Chinese, German, Greek, Irish, Italian, Jewish, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish (Columbian, Dominican, and Puerto Rican.) Currently, there are a total of 17 men: They are students, young working men, older working men and retired senior citizens.

1) Local Community Outreach Ministry - Café and Class in Christ (CCC) Bible Based English Learning Center Project (ESL-English Spiritual Language)

— Since we began our CCC ministry on **April 25th, 2014**, we have had 80+ people weekly in all age ranges, passing through or staying with us. Our CCC became more ‘welcoming’ as we have helped many previously unchurched and returning Christians. To date (and ever increasingly) we have registered more than 1000 men, women and children for Language, Bible, Education and handicraft classes including: Teaching: English, Chinese, Spanish and Japanese. **Those who have been attending hold a variety of religious beliefs including: Hinduism, Buddhism, Catholicism and Christianity, etc. and they are American, Spanish, Korean, Chinese and French, etc.**

2) Hosting to Reach the Next Generation for Christ through a Free Summer School Program:

AAM and FFCN offered a Free Children’s Half Day Summer School program over the last three years (2015-2017.) It took place during July and August, five days a week, for 5 weeks. We provided: Academics, Worship, Bible Study, Taekwondo, music and art) for underprivileged children. We selected approx. 50 children, K-6 grade (each year). Also, we recruited some Middle and High School students as interns from the neighborhood.

This continues to be a great blessing, bearing visible fruit from God, retaining a number of children each year who have attended/continue to attend Friday evening outreach for children and Sunday morning SDMI classes. **Importantly, each year, five outstanding internship students (including a Taekwondo Master) from Go-Shin Presbyterian University in Korea came to participate with us.** Glory be to God; our summer school program has been highly successful at reaching the children in our neighborhood.

3) Church Planting Training Center in Queens, NY

Background: There is great need and opportunity for planting new churches in the NYC borough of Queens. The need and opportunity is even greater for an “All Nations” church planting movement. Its residents come from over 120 nations and speak over 135 languages. Forty-eight percent of its population is foreign-born with no one dominant ethnic group. This diversity is represented by a proliferation of non-Christian religious centers throughout the borough. When we plant new churches, we reach new people and new cultures.

4) Establish and Execute the New York Global Leadership Center (for the Next Generation)

The New York Global Leadership Center is designed to equip and empower youth for service and leadership at both the local and the global level. The Institute employs an innovative model of character formation as leadership development. The Institute also seeks to foster collaboration and build partnerships between churches and organizations who seek to equip leaders for global ministry.

With Other-Denominations

1) Expanding Christian Local Networking through Flushing Multidenominational Minister’s Fellowship

AAM recognizes that our calling “to all nations” and the strength needed for success in reaching them comes completely from God. We are connecting in a United Spirit and Power of Prayer and connecting with *The Church/Body of Christ* in New York through the **Flushing Minister’s Fellowship (FMF)**. The FMF continues to meet weekly for prayer, fellowship and strategic planning. FMF prayer meetings have been held at FFCN church during most weeks throughout the year.

AAM together with FMF are forming partnerships with local schools, hospitals, NYPD and community-based service providers. Some of the other issues the Flushing Minister’s Fellowship have been collaborating on are how we can effectively assist, rescue and reach those who are struggling with: **Abortion, Human Trafficking, Immigration, Substance Abuse, Gambling, and equip the Millennial Generation, etc.**

We perceive that these are meetings of, divine appointment and are looking with great interest at what God is about to do through them and us.

2) Partnership with Weekly Food Pantry Ministry to the Neighborhood:

Food Pantry Ministry occurs every Saturday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in **Immanuel Community Church on Murray Street in Flushing**, through the multi-church collaboration of the **Murray Hill Neighborhood Association: Weekly serving, up to 200 Chinese & Korean families from the surrounding community.** From this ministry we have welcomed new Chinese families/individuals to attend CCC Bible based English classes, FFCN Wednesday evening Bible Study and Sunday morning Worship Services.

In conclusion, AAM has had 11 years of fruitful ministries in its role model partnership with Queens Flushing First Church of Nazarene which has existed 98 years and where I have been serving as Senior Pastor. This is one of our greatest transformational moments. I count serving for these two divine organisms, (not organizations) to be among one of the greatest privileges of my life, and I am truly blessed to be entering another year. The measure of our faithfulness is found in the joy and mutual support and trust with the church’s work here. May God richly grant that the Year 2015 will be a Spirit-filled year of ministry and great growth for your congregation.

By His grace and for His glory,

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