



# Chan's Newsletter

Christmas Greeting 2022  
&  
New Year Wish 2023



## Greeting to our Families and Friends

Kenneth & Florence and Michael & Zara of the Chan's from Brisbane in Australia conjointly greet you with the joy of Christmas and the hope of the New Year. We want to extend our personal greeting and well wishes to you and your families for the reasons of the season: *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* (Isaiah 9:6). May these words be your encouragement that all things are renewed and made new: striving for a lasting peace and thriving through the transitioning challenges.

## Thankfulness for the Seasons of Life in 2022



2022 is a year of swing from striving to thriving, paradoxically is also a year of endurance of lives. Brisbane where we live had COVID lockdowns becoming a thing in the past. While Ken and Florence had full vaccination, we did catch the COVID virus in the first quarter of the year. Nevertheless, we have recovered well. It has given us the guaranteed bodily immunity to attend our son's wedding ceremony.



The second quarter of the year sees the joy of the marriage of our son Michael and our daughter-in-law Zara. They married in the onset of a stormy weather. Nevertheless, the proceeding of the ceremony, the well wishes of friends and families, the oaths of commitment, culminated in the expression of love have outweighed the weather and made the ceremony meaningful and forever memorable.



For Ken and Florence, the third quarter of the year brings us into deeper relational encounters with students whom we minister to on university campus and consequently takes us into more intensive spiritual conversations. While Florence is energetic always, Ken feels drained eventually. We are aware of the need of self care. Celebrating festivals is a good self-care routine. We went to Toowoomba to see the Garden Festival.



The last quarter of the year has become a period of celebrating. We enjoyed a lot sunset watching at Wellington Point and even in a number of times we brought our students and friends to go there as well. Ken and Florence are thankful for this period where we are encouraged and mentored by our predecessors at times. One of these occasions is to attend an end-of-year celebration at BST where we used to study for our ministry.

## The Chan Family News

Florence and Ken toasted our 36th wedding anniversary in January. We celebrated our 64th birthday with our student friends in October and November respectively. We have the joy to see the wedding of our son Michael and his wife Zara in May this year. Their marriage has become the greatest news that we announce.



It is a nostalgic remembrance that Michael and Zara's wedding has a catchphrase: "WhereChanbeGann". Ken and Florence are delighted and thrilled starting to develop an in-law relationship where the Chan's will be meeting the Gannon's a lot in the years to come.



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### For Michael & Zara

It is an honor to introduce Zara, our daughter in-law in the family newsletter this year. Michael and Zara were engaged in July last year and they married in May this year. Michael has changed to a new job of more responsibility and Zara continues in her pharmaceutical profession. These days Michael and Zara are busy in planning and preparing for their new home.



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### For Florence

Florence is indeed a passionate evangelist. In this year, while Ken has led 2 boys to Christ, Florence has led 7 girls to the Lord. They all have security in their eternity. Not only Florence evangelizes students on campus, she also talks about the Gospel with students' families in English class. Florence has a very caring mentor Joy who has given Florence indispensable advices in keeping a well balanced life.



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### For Kenneth

Ken is particular thankful for his mentor Jim who has given Ken invaluable guidance in ministerial and personal directions. Ken has undertaken a leading role in the Beyond 2022 Project where he is very grateful to see so much spiritual growth of the project participants. Ken is back to his chaplain work in the hospitals this year and he is in the process of assuming a chaplain role in University of Queensland next year.



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### Blessings from the Chan's



Finally we wish this letter able to reach you well with much love and many blessings, and able to convey the message that you are in our prayers and we are in your thoughts. For this, we want to conclude this letter with thanks for your continual interest in our journey, and to seal the letter with our perpetual sending of Christmas greeting and New Year wish.

A quote from Charles Dickens: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."