



# Chan's Newsletter

Christmas Greeting 2017  
&  
New Year Wish 2018



## Greeting to our Families and Friends

The Chan Family, Kenneth, Florence and Michael are grateful again to wish you the blessing of love, the fruitfulness of joy and the light of peace at Christmas and may your life be a wonderful, astonishing, and rejoicing in the New Year. As we continue to greet you through our family newsletter, this year we begin with thanks giving and gathering for friends; reflection of achievements and overcoming of challenges. Let's remember the most important reason is to celebrate the birth of Christ the Jesus who came to the earth for our salvation.

We wish you the forthcoming year rich in well earned health, employment, personal enrichment, and full of positive responses to the unsettled world, that refines us, deepens us, and adds wisdom, character and maturity. Thank you for your continual interest in our well being, and we treasure each and every one of you. Thank you for making a difference on us in so many ways. Your prayers, giving and interest have encouraged us to speak the Good News and to live the Gospel, among many of the vulnerable, needed and hard-to-reach people in our daily encounters on campuses, in communities and at hospitals.

## The Chan Family's Update in a renewed season

This year the Jacaranda and Kurrajong tree outside our residence blossomed in different months probably due to the changed weather pattern, however in their same distinctive colors of purple and red respectively. Florence and Ken have moved on to campus ministry in full swing, on board as missionary couple. On campus we saw the same trees. They flowered beautifully with the same nevertheless more vibrant colors. Michael, after his graduation has joined an engineering company which sends him around the Queensland state undergoing a training program in the management stream. While away from his parents, he cooks his meals and does his chores. In this renewed season, we all look forward to advancing in faith as a family who sought this adventure in Australia 24 years ago.



## From Michael

Last year we commended Michael, our son who had grown into a mature young man. We blessed him for his life and career while he was chasing his dream. This year Michael has become more composed, serene and cool-headed. He sold his last motorbike, the successor amidst five previous ones. This makes us as parents at peace. In the mid year, he came back to Hong Kong with us to celebrate his grandmother's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday. Michael has exhibited his gentle nature which is not usually his default mode of behavior. These days Michael only comes home once a month for dinners and for other special occasions with us. We see his sociable persona of stamina in climbing treacherous mountains and skiing snow fields now be complemented by the image of an ordinary bloke in doing his tasks and chores.



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### From Kenneth and Florence

As missionaries, Florence and Ken have spent much time on campus among the major universities in Brisbane. We provide listening ear, companionship and faithful reflection to the people we minister. With our belief, compassion and practical assistance, we help them to cope with the issues and challenges of their lives with Christianity principles. While we call Australia home, our hearts are linked closely with our families in Hong Kong. As mentioned in Michael's section, we came back to Hong Kong to celebrate Ken's mum's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday. It was a wonderful time to catch up with families and friends.



Florence has been instrumental in her student ministry work. This year she has helped 14 students to come to Christ and discipled them along the way. At this time of the year, we have the great joy of seeing many students to graduate and receive their honors of study. She rejoices with them and blesses their future.

Ken has started a pioneering ministry to reach out staff in the faculties. He has connected uni staff in their respective roles of professors, lecturers and researchers. Regular fellowship meetings are convened. Due to the increased work on campus, Ken has scaled down his hospital chaplaincy (3 years) and officially concluded his technical career (34 years).



### Blessing from the Chan's

We want to conclude this letter again with a consistent remark each year with the same line: Kenneth, Florence and Michael of the Chan family are grateful that we can continue to reach you and draw your continual interest in our journey. We treasure each one of you as our families and friends. We would like to close this letter by sending a blessing sealed in faith. May the message of Christmas fill your heart with joy and may the New Year be a blessing to you and your families. We wish this letter can reach you well that you are in our prayers and we are in your thoughts with much love and many blessings from the Chan's.

