

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

We praise the Lord Jesus for His faithfulness. His steadfast love and His empowering work with us on campus ministry in this fruitful year. God prepares for those who open their hearts to listen to the Good News when we share the Gospel to students. Some have responded and become new believers who have security in their eternity. We also disciple them who in turn will disciple the others on campus and are involved in church ministry. We are thankful for your partnership with us for your ongoing support in our mission work.

We have thought about you that you have experienced God's grace through all the ups and downs this year. Ken and Florence pray that you would experience the love of Jesus continually and the peace that He promises this Christmas and in the New Year ahead! Isaiah 9:6, *"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."* May these words be your encouragement that all things are renewed and made new. God will bring forth healing, physical and spiritual wellbeing, peace and security for mankind.



UQ English Class Ministry

Florence and Yasmin have attended and helped with students' families in UQ English class since August. This has been a great place to connect with people of different ethnicities. They are keen for friendship and conversations. They find the opportunities to build meaningful friendship in activities like the picnic on campus on 19 Oct. A Russian student came to Catalyst with her fiancé. How excited it was!



In one occasion Yasmin asked them what they would like to learn a particular topic. One cultural Muslim student suggested Christmas! So the students played a drama of Santa's Diet and learnt about Christmas story on 9 Nov in the class. That was a great opportunity for them to discuss who Jesus was. Florence was so glad to answer their questions. After the class, Yasmin and Florence had coffee time with a few students. Another 2 girls from Middle East and Indonesia were interested in joining Christian group. They were invited to join Power to Change Catalyst meeting next year.

Also, Florence has invited some students to explore Christianity. They were so interested to join. So a Discovery Bible study group started between 9 and 10 am from 16 Nov to 8 Dec before English Class.



Yasmin and Florence teamed up to pray for this ministry before starting this Bible class. Praise God! These students were keen to learn the Gospel. Seeing God leading step by step, during 4 lessons, the students' number increased from 2 to 4, coming from Japan, Russia, and Indonesia. Florence has led 3 lessons. Florence also talked about why we celebrate Christmas for Jesus' birth. She illustrated the love and forgiveness of Jesus through the story and meaning of candy cane.

Students Outreaching their Classmates

Cleo, a seeker having Bible study with Florence since July; Louise, a believer mentored by Florence for 6 months. Both are keen to learn God's word and willing to share their experience with their classmates.

Cleo's Story

Cleo brought her classmate Mary*, a seeker to church on 27 Nov. Florence had a conversation with Mary. She is keen to learn God's word. Florence has started the Discovery Bible Study with her twice in the city since 1 Dec. Mary responds that she'd like to explore more about God that is so meaningful and interesting. She wants to have a Bible. Florence has given her a Bible and encouraged her to read. Florence will catch her up again next Jan. Cleo is keen to have Bible study with Mary together at that time.



Louise's Story

Louise brought her classmate Nancy* who is a seeker to church on 4 Dec. So Florence met up with this new friend and found that she was keen to learn God's word. Florence made an appointment with them in a coffee session to talk about God. Nancy is open to listen to Christianity. Praise the Lord! Louise is willing to help her exploring about Jesus next year. Florence will help Louise lead her.



* Pseudonym to preserve privacy

New Believer & Baptism



Andrew* came to Ken asking for help for some personal issue. In discussing Andrew's problem, Andrew felt he was unable to resolve by any of his effort. Ken explained Bible's perspective on his problem. Amazingly Andrew realizes that Jesus is his ultimate reliance. Ken led Andrew to Christ on 12 Oct.

* Pseudonym to preserve privacy



Ken sees the joy of Edwin's baptism on 25 Dec. Last year Ken started to coach Allan to disciple Edwin. After some time, Edwin eventually received Jesus. Edwin continues to grow in faith and is actively involved in leading ministry. Praise the Lord!

Chaplaincy & Alumni

Ken's chaplaincy experience in the hospitals gives him the credentials to apply for a chaplain role in UQ to represent Power to Change. This capacity will allow Ken to reach out wider areas of people including staff and alumni on and off campus. Coincidentally, Ken met up with alumni doctor Caleb at PAH and pharmacist Nathan at Hervey Bay.



Hospitality for STINTer

We provided billeting for US STINTer Blake who works with the NSW team. He stayed in our home for 2 nights. His team came to QLD to learn the International Student Ministry model on 26-27 Oct. They also attended the Day of Prayer on 28 Oct.



Brisbane Social Event on 4 Nov for Missionaries

We met at New Farm Park for an annual social event. The theme was "Childhood". We dressed in childhood fashion and brought along a childhood photo to share the story of it. We spent a wonderful morning of much fun time and enjoyed many childhood stories.



Beyond Brisbane 2023 Inaugural Meeting on 18 Nov

Beyond Brisbane project aims to reach out students at the start of each year. Missionaries met again on 18 Nov to kick start the Beyond Brisbane project which will be run in Feb 2023. The theme of Beyond Brisbane 2023 is "Equipped for Mission, Equipped for Life".



Personal News

It is an honor and privilege for Ken and Florence to have the opportunity to disciple our students. When we celebrated our 64th birthdays with them in Oct and Nov respectively this year, we were so joyful to see them more than just our disciples but also as our close friends.



Florence and Ken are thankful to meet some forerunners at times. In one occasion, we attended the end-of-year celebration at BST where we used to study for our ministry.

We are also grateful to have very caring mentors Joy and Jim who have given us invaluable guidance in ministerial and personal directions to keep a well balanced life.

Praise & Prayer

1. This year Florence and Ken led 7 girls and 2 boys respectively to Christ. Pray for their growth in faith.
2. Praise God for Ken's leading Andrew* to Christ and for Edwin's baptism on Christmas Day.
3. Praise God for Florence's attending UQ English Class with International students and for 4 students from Russia, Japan and Indonesia who have started DBS with Florence. Pray for them to come to learn about the Bible next year, and find grace and truth.
4. Praise God for Florence having connected 2 new contacts Nancy* and Mary* who are classmates of the current students Florence is discipling. Pray that Florence helps them learn more about Jesus together.
5. Ken has accepted UQ Chaplaincy role and pray for him to complete the remaining paper work.
6. Pray for the participants of Beyond Brisbane 2023 to raise full support by 20 Jan for the start on 1-15 Feb.
7. Pray for the QLD Area Retreat (14-16 Jan) and for the National Missionaries Conference (16-20 Jan).
8. Pray for God preparing potential students for Ken and Florence next year.
9. Pray for Ken and Florence's wellness both bodily and spiritually, balanced in work and life, abundantly provisioned for our needs.

Praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:47

Yours in Christ,

Ken & Florence



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