

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

Life is busy and challenging but Ken and Florence are full of God's grace and joy as we serve in His ministry. Just as we have gone through one third of 2023, many things have been blessed by God. While Easter has passed on the calendar, the true meaning of Easter remains: He has risen! Jesus Christ sacrifices with His love for the world. He forgives us and brings peace to the world. People who follow Him will have eternal life. *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."* (1 Peter 1:3)

Recently Florence shared the movement of "Asbury University Prayer Revival" with her students. Ken also preached the same topic at several local churches. This revival movement moved by the Holy Spirit has led numerous people confess and repent starting from this university in the US and spreading to many other universities and communities in the world. We have seen the young generation's (GenZ) hunger for the Gospel. We have encouraged our students to come closer to God and helped them understand how important it is in the harvest on campus. We disciple those who are willing to become disciple-makers, be equipped to lead Bible study and share the Gospel.



Florence serving in the New Brisbane ISM Team

Florence is a fulltime missionary serving in a new ministry team called Brisbane ISM formed this year merging the UQ and QUT International Student Ministry. She travels between two campuses on some days. On Wednesdays, she needs to work from 9 am to 9 pm. As she leads students in Discovery Bible Studies, she participates in prayer, outreach, and conversation lunch. She is involved in discipleship programs and fellowship meetings. Florence feels busy. Pray that she can adjust well with sufficient physical energy and emotional capacity.



Great Stories

How amazing is the work of God! Florence shared the Gospel with a Filipino student called Judette who accepted Jesus Christ after Ken preaching at M1 International Alliance Church on 8 Jan. Praise God. She has been baptized later. She is very committed to church and is a helper of young adult fellowship now.



Norma has come to Discovery Bible Study with Florence since last Dec. On 23 March, Norma asked deep questions about the passage they studied. Then she asked Florence how to become Christian. Florence explained to Norma about the whole Gospel through KGP. Finally Norma was very happy to give her life to Christ. Florence continues to disciple her. Now Norma goes to a local church and settles there.



Nexus Missionary Conference (16-20 January)



Nexus is a biannual conference bringing all national campus teams together in Australia to share

our ministries and to encourage each other. One of the highlights is learning from co-worker about the MAWL method of effective Multiplication Discipleship.

Beyond Brisbane Project 2023 (1-15 February)

Beyond Brisbane is our annual mission project where we train the participants to reach out to people. There were 12 students and 7 missionaries participating in the project this year. Students from UQ and QUT formed a team to organize all missional events. They engaged people in spiritual conversations and shared the Gospel with people. Through this project, 3 people gave their life to Jesus. Praise God and pray for our students' commitment to the Great Commission.



The Story of the Seekers

Asami and Nassay are from Japan and Russia. They are open to learn about Jesus. Florence and another missionary lead a Bible group where they study the passage of Jesus' death and resurrection. They asked a lot of questions. Asami believed all religions are the same but now she finds how Christianity different from other religions. Nassay was doubtful of Christianity but now she understands the meaning of Easter. Pray for their continuous seek for faith and to follow Jesus.

Queena has not contacted Florence for 10 months. Florence met her on campus twice accidentally. Queena was very happy to meet her again to study Bible. Florence responded to her questions about human's original sin and Jesus' resurrection. She believes these facts now. Pray for her next step of faith to follow Jesus.

Zoe has come to DBS with Florence for a few times when they discussed many questions about faith. Now Zoe believes in Jesus but she is too busy for her study and is worried about her family's opposition. Pray for her to stand up to confess Jesus as her savior one day. During Encounter, Victoria from Brazil connected well with Zoe. Florence shared her vision with Victoria who has potential to lead Zoe. Victoria is happy to do. Pray for Victoria and Zoe to arrange schedule for Bible study.

During outreach, Florence connected well with Indian girl Eesha with Hinduism background. The next day Eesha sent the message to Florence and asked Florence to pray for her study. Eesha is happy to do DBS with Florence. It will start on 2 May.

Florence has connected with another student called Boning who is willing to learn about Jesus, starting on 27 April. Cleo whom Florence has discipled for some time is so busy and she comes irregularly for DBS.

Discipleship Meetings

Florence continually disciples Levi, Louise and Cindy using different Bible materials to help their personal growth in faith and maturity. Even though they are busy for their study, they grow in relationship with God. They will be available to share the Gospel and willing to disciple others.



Fellowship Meetings

Encounter Meeting (all students) and MB Fellowship (student leaders) are held alternate fortnightly on Wed nights. Encounter has 50 people on average joining worship, topical discussion and communal dinner. MB Fellowship is led by Andrew and Florence who organize training and facilitate sharing.



Breakaway (12-13 April)

Breakaway was held during mid-term break for outreaching non-Christians organized by the Brisbane ISM Team. Florence had the chance to share the Gospel with 2 students. They are keen to learn about Jesus. Also, Florence enjoyed a creative moment with them in a lovely drawing session.



Chaplaincy at UQ

Ken's chaplain application at UQ has been accepted this year. With this new role, Ken will have more opportunity to provide pastoral care to students, researchers and staff. This role also strategically aligns Ken's chaplaincy role in the hospital where Ken met a student this year and has helped him resettle after a personal episode.



Personal News

Ken and Florence celebrated our 37th wedding anniversary on the 26th of January. We enjoyed a memorable photo shooting at Mount Coot-tha Botanical Garden on that day. In March we attended a Gospel musical concert convened in a local church presented by Eternity Music Ministry from Hong Kong. The songs have brought back much memory of our life there.



Praise & Prayer

1. Praise the Lord. Florence led Judette and Norma to Christ. Pray for them to grow in faith and follow Jesus in their whole life.
2. Praise God. Florence disciples Levi, Louise, Norma and Cindy. Pray for them to grow in relationship with God deeper and be available to share the Gospel and to disciple others.
3. Pray for the seekers Asami, Nassay, Cleo, Queena, Zoe, Eesha and Boning who will give their lives to Jesus Christ.
4. Florence starts to disciple Victoria on 4 May. Pray for the plan is fulfilled for Florence to coach Victoria to lead Zoe in Discovery Bible Study.
5. Pray for Florence to serve on 2 campuses (QUT and UQ), and for her to adjust well.
6. Pray for MB fellowship led by Andrew and Florence, and for their mutual coordination and for arrangement of discipleship trainings.
7. Ask God to prepare the seekers and student leaders for Florence this year.
8. Ken has become an official chaplain this year in University of Queensland where he represents Power to Change. Pray that Ken will reach out UQ staffs and students and provide pastoral and spiritual care.
9. Pray for God to protect us physically, spiritually and mentally and for the balance of work and family.
10. Pray for the students to attend Winter Conference from 1 to 5 of July. Registration deadline is on 2 June.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Yours in Christ,

Ken & Florence



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