

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

We are thankful for God's faithfulness and for bearing His fruit. We thank you for your partnership with us as a team to fulfill the Great Commission, together give Him the Glory! *"This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace."* (Colossians 1:6)

Reflection on International Students Ministry

International students study away from their homes. When they live in a new environment like Brisbane, often they may endure stresses in isolation. With the rise of scams and frauds as a global issue, these students are vulnerable to exploitation of scammers and fraudsters. When students get involved in gaming and dating apps, they can be deceived. And we have seen incidents of that. We can visualize them being harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd. We wish to reach out to them like Jesus seeks to find the sheep outside the sheep pen. For this we endeavor to help these students by providing pastoral care as well as guiding principles in the Bible. Yet we have to serve humbly and willingly. Our load is heavy. Therefore your prayer for us is important.

Graduated Students

Ken and Florence are delighted that 4 of our students graduated in July. They are Selwin & Marcus in PhD, and Louise & Cleo in master degree. They have achieved remarkably in their academic study and enjoyed life as international students. For Selwin, we invited his parents to have dinner with us before his graduation. We bless them for their life in family, church and career.



NSW/QLD Combined Winter Conference

The combined conference was convened on 1-5 July. The theme is "Grace and Truth". Over 120 students joined. Ken and Florence led one session of the training modules. There were many highlights as reflected by our students from main sessions to group discussions; from devotions to trainings; from outreach day to vision night.



University of Queensland Market Day

At University of Queensland, 26 July sees the commencement of semester two. How excited it is! Hundreds of new students came to the campus on Market Day to get connected with hundreds of clubs, societies and services. We have connected with a number of seekers and we love to see them to come to faith.



International Students Welcome Breakfast



On UQ Market Day, Ken and Florence were invited by UQ Student Services to take part in the International Student Welcome Breakfast as a way to connect with new students. The purpose is to engage the students in

a welcoming atmosphere and to seek the opportunity of supporting students for their spiritual wellbeing. We have engaged quite many new students from different nationalities with good conversations.

Great Stories

How amazing is the work of God! Florence shared the Gospel with newcomer Jade who came to our home church and accepted Jesus Christ in September last year. Praise God. She was baptized on 30 July this year. Pray for her to grow in faith continually and for the provisions in many aspects in her life.



Victoria, a PhD exchange student from Brazil started fellowship with Power to Change in April. When she came to the Encounter fellowship meeting, Florence engaged her in a conversation and discovered her as a potential leader. So Florence shared with her about the vision of student ministry. She would like Florence to disciple her, and joined Florence's Discovery Bible Study with Japanese and Russian students from the UQ English Class. Afterwards, Victoria became a table leader of Encounter. She also joined Power to Change's winter conference. After Florence equipped her for 3 months here in Brisbane, Victoria has returned home this month. She will join the Power to Change in Brazil. She will graduate next year. Pray for Victoria a clear direction after graduation whether she will do missionary work or continue as a researcher.



Exploring Faith

Florence and another missionary have been enjoying connecting with Asami and Nassay from the UQ English Class. It has become a small group meeting regularly to read the Bible together. We have also gone through the Gospel using the Knowing God Personally booklet and explored questions of worldview using the Perspective Cards. These two seekers have not made decision to follow Christ, but they do have a good understanding of the Gospel. Florence prays for their hearts to be open.

Moreover, Florence invited her small group from the English class to come to our home for a dinner during the semester break. Nassay's spouse who is UQ PhD student also came. Pray that Ken can connect well him.



How amazing this new Semester two! Florence reached out another PhD student Yu from the UQ English Class. She is searching faith in Buddhism and Christianity. Now she is keen on exploring Christianity with Florence in regular meeting. Pray for her to find the truth in Jesus. Also, Florence is coaching Levi to help lead DBS with a seeker Queena in this semester. Pray for Queena to accept Christ.

MB Fellowship

In the beginning of this semester, Brisbane ISM Team posed a vision challenge to our students in disciple making. We read the scriptures and discussed together. Florence has encouraged them to pass on baton for the next few generations. In seeing students' commitment to discipleship, Florence showed them the skills of leading small groups.

Chaplaincy at UQ

Ken's chaplain role at UQ representing Power to Change as a Christian group has given him more opportunity to provide pastoral care to students, researchers and staff. Recently, Ken received a request from Student Services to help with an incident of the death of an overseas student. Ken was asked for to be an interpreter for the bereaved parents who cannot understand English. Ken and Florence offered to pick up the parents at the airport. Within a few days, Ken helped to deal with their matters and also responded to their request for psychological counseling. Through this opportunity, we are able to share the comforting messages of the Gospel. Pray God to comfort them with peace after they returned home.

Ken and Florence join a weekly prayer meeting with staff from a UQ faculty. Ken runs a monthly Bible study with another UQ staff faculty. While Ken deals with special needs for students, he sets up a meeting point UQ Great Court for conversations with students.



Personal News

Our friend Coris from Hong Kong visited us and gave us her newly published book. In one of the articles, Coris writes about the story of how Florence cared for her and shared the faith to her seven years ago. It is such a wonderful testimony.



Ken and Florence joined the Bible Reading Marathon in Brisbane on 27 May. We read aloud Bible passages to the public outside the Queensland Parliament House adjacent to the QUT main entrance.

In the midst of our heavy workload, we take our Sabbath rest to watch sunset at Wellington Point which is our pilgrim destination of Sabbath.

Praise & Prayer

1. Last year, Florence led Jade to follow Christ. Praise the Lord! She was baptized in July this year.
2. For our four graduates. Pray for the graduates who intend to stay here to find jobs and for the rest of graduates who want to return home to find jobs and the right church.
3. Praise God! Student C has decided to follow Jesus. Florence is touched with tears. Pray for this student to rely on Jesus Christ in her life.
4. For Victoria to join Power to Change in Brazil after returning home and for her having a clear direction after graduation that she will do missionary work or becoming a researcher.
5. Florence has reached out to a few seekers as Yu, Queena, Asami, Nassay and others. Pray for Florence's wisdom to talk with them about Christian faith and God prepares their hearts to give their lives to Jesus. Also ask God to prepare Christians for Florence to equip them to be disciplers.
6. For Ken who plays the role of UQ Chaplain. Through this opportunity, while he cares for staff's and students' needs, he can share the Gospel too.
7. For the well being of our body, mind and spirits to serve the Lord with strength, and to bear more fruit!
8. For God to provide sufficiently to meet our needs as we have served Power to Change for 7 years (Florence) and 6 years (Ken) respectively.

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!

Rom 10:15b

Yours in Christ,

Ken & Florence



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