

### Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

In Brisbane every year this time, Jacaranda trees blossom. This is the season where the university semester is coming to a close and when our students are busy for their exams and assignment dues. While they finished all assessments in mid November, students are waiting for their results. The chorus of the hymn (Count Your Blessings) resonates with joy: *"Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God has done!"* We are thankful for God's faithfulness and for His fruit harvested on campus. We are grateful for our ministry partners walking with us in our journey.



Praise the Lord. Florence led 6 people to Christ and witnessed 4 students baptized this year. Ken's role in pastoral care for special students helped them recovering from life threatening crises. 5 students under our discipleship will celebrate their graduation in December. We thank you for your partnership with us as a team to fulfill the Great Commission for His glory!

### Born Again With New Life

How amazing God has prepared students whom Florence met through UQ English Class, Encounter, outreach and friend circles. These seekers were keen to learn about Jesus. Finally Yu, Tiffany and Lydia accepted Jesus as their saviour respectively in Sep and Oct.



Florence met Yu in English Class. After the class, Florence explained to Yu about the difference between Christianity and Buddhism. Yu was keen to learn Christianity. In 2 months of questioning and discussion, Yu gave her life to Jesus through a confession prayer.

Florence met Tiffany through friend circles. Tiffany had encountered some unpleasant experience on arrival at Brisbane just after 1 month. Her mum was concerned about Tiffany and asked for help. Florence responded to the request and cares for Tiffany with love and the Gospel. When Tiffany expressed how to become a Christian, Florence gave her a "Four Spiritual Law" booklet to read. In next meeting, Tiffany was willing to come to faith. Praise God!

Florence met Lydia at Encounter in Sep while sitting at the same discussion table. After the meeting, Lydia was keen to learn about Jesus with Florence. In the time followed, Lydia read the Bible with Florence about the creation, the fall of humanity, Jesus' death and resurrection, and the final judgment. Finally Lydia was so happy to accept Jesus as her saviour.

### Great Stories

As mentioned in Tiffany's story, she returned home for a holiday break. Florence received an unscheduled request in November to join an online conference meeting with a pastor from US, Tiffany & her mum in their country, and our friend in Australia. The meeting was to count God's blessings in 3 countries. We are thankful that Tiffany shared her testimony in this opportunity as each of us also witnessed God's glory.



Levi, our student is passionate in sharing Gospel articles and messages online to her friends. One of her friends expressed her willingness to accept Jesus as her saviour. However the situation in the country is fairly hard to get a Bible and find a church. Nevertheless, God is at work. She is able to find a church through friend network.



Victoria, a returnee went back to Brazil recently. Florence had a video call with Victoria there. Victoria will finish her PhD program next year. Victoria has a heart for mission. She is helping an organization for a mission trip in a city 5 hours from where she lives. Victoria is working with 7 local churches that have just been planted and a native Indian reserve. The trip will happen in mid-2024. Also, Victoria has connected a student leader of Power to Change Brazil and expresses that she will get involved next year. Besides, Victoria is considering going on the Logos Hope ship in 2025 that she is praying about this. Pray God to use Victoria and for her to envisage a clear direction after graduation whether she will do missionary work or continue as a researcher.



## Baptism

How amazing it is! Florence shared the Gospel with Harriet and Clarrisa who accepted Jesus last year. Praise God. They were baptized on 19 Nov this year. Pray for them to grow in faith and serve with the local church continually.



## Exploring Faith

Japanese Asami and Russian Nassay from the UQ English have come to learn about Jesus for a period of time with Florence. They understood the truth of Jesus. However, Asami believed eternity in Buddhist teaching. She is moving to Holland with her husband in December. Nassay was baptized in childhood. Now she wants to be Christian but she is still doubtful. She will back to Russia in December. Pray for their continuous seeking for faith. Florence will catch up with them online.

In September, Florence outreached 2 seekers Limin, and Lu. They started Discovery Bible Study with Florence. Limin has a strong Buddhist belief. She will return home in Dec after graduation. Pray for them to come to faith.

## UQ English Class

In Nov, some new classmates came from all nations to the class. A student from Chile is interested to go to church. We hope to connect them and sow the seeds of the Gospel during summer break.



## Ken's Ministry

Ken and Florence join a weekly EPT meeting with UQ faculty staff. On each Wednesday morning at 8am, we come to read Bible message and pray together for outreaching to our colleagues and friends on campus.

Ken runs a fellowship lunch meeting each month with another UQ faculty group. While Ken deals with special needs students, he sets up a UQ Great Court meeting point to engage students with day-to-day dialogue. Ken's role in pastoral care for students helped a student dealing with life crisis. Praise the Lord! He is reborn and has the purpose of life.



## Various Activities in October & November

There are various activities during the last quarter of the year: Men and Women Fellowship for our students on the topic of relationship and singleness; Day of Prayer; National Campus Leader Meet-up every missionary on campus; QLD Area Retreat; End of year Celebration and Beyond Brisbane 2024 Launch.

## Personal News

Florence and Ken had our birthdays in Oct and Nov respectively this year. We celebrated our birthday together in Tangalooma Island.



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



## Praise & Prayer

1. Praise God! Florence led 6 people to Christ this year and saw 4 students baptized. Pray for them to grow in faith and witness the Lord throughout their lives.
2. For new believers, Yu, Tiffany and Lydia to find home church and Florence discipling them next year; and that they will be disciple makers.
3. Praise God. Tiffany testified for the Lord in a 3- country video meeting to count God's blessings.
4. Cleo returned home in August. Pray for her to find home church and love her students there.
5. God continually use Victoria and Levi in mission.
6. Pray for seekers Asami, Nassay, Limin and Lu for their continuous seek for faith and to follow Jesus.
7. Ask God to prepare new seekers and high capacity Christians for Florence to equip them to be disciple makers.
8. Praise God for our 5 students to graduate in Dec.
9. For the participants of Beyond Brisbane 2024 to raise full support \$940 for the start on 7-21 Feb.
10. For Ken and Florence to attend the ConneXion conference 2024 in NSW on 13-18 Jan, followed by the National ISM retreat from 18 to 20 Jan.

*Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.*

Psalm 40:5

Yours in Christ,

Ken & Florence



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