

Dear friends and prayer partners

Greetings from Brisbane!

I remember the song *My heart is filled with thankfulness* by Keith and Kristy Getty. It reminds me that "Thanksgiving" is celebrated in November, especially in North America and the US. This month we look back on what God has done for Ken and I this year. We are thankful for His faithfulness, His promise, His grace and showers of blessings and for bringing us hope. It is amazing to see what God has done for us in our life and ministry this year. We appreciate your love, support, encouragement and prayers. What is the highlight you want to give thanks to God for?

God is at work



It has been such an amazing year! We - as a great missionary team, a mixture of young and old using different gifts and strengths - worked together for the Kingdom of God. So far 74 souls have been saved including 8 people from our natural *oikos* in 2017. Our faith goal hit 18 students leading either Discovery Bible Study or Community Groups. We had 150 students getting involved this year. Praise the Lord!

How amazing it is! We have sown the seed of the gospel. The Holy Spirit has worked on students' hearts. God has been producing 14 souls who have become part of His family this year. I led Ellen to Christ last August and she was baptized this Easter. Nine students: Isaac, Carolyn, Sabrina, Nikita, Sam, May, Gigi, Ariana and Leeko should complete the First Steps program this year. I have disciples 2 graduates as Ellen and Jenna were our MB. Praise the Lord! I also helped Ellen lead the Discovery Bible Study and the First Steps Program in Cantonese, Mandarin and English. How excited I am that God has called Jenna to apply to be part of our missionary team. This is her call, "I want to give my life to God and serve Him because I have discovered true, lasting joy and purpose in God alone, and I want to share God's word to others". All together we give Him the Glory!



Here I am, above, giving speeches about our Graduates Ellen and Jenna at Shindig on Oct 21. I thanked them for their hearts for God and people, and for being very committed movement builders in terms of fulfilling the Great commission. I encouraged them to reproduce back home and in the workplace what they saw modelled on campus.



I have been so excited. God softened Ariana's heart so she made a decision to accept Christ in her Discovery Bible Group on Oct 12. She is attending a church now and has connected with church people. She tells how God has changed her life. Gigi shared the story of Jesus with her mum in China. Her mum showed an interest in going to church. Pray for her mum to find a good church. I am happy that these new believers have tried to share about Jesus with their *oikos*. In fact, they are new baby Christians, so we continue to nurture them, and help them grow in faith. Also, some graduates have faced challenges and have shared their situation. I have been walking on this journey with them, giving them advice, helping them transition, and following them up whether they return to their own country or stay here.

Beyond Brisbane Project Feb 4-16

Praise the Lord! Twenty students has registered, especially 2 new believers. In October, Ken and I interviewed 5 applicants. They have been accepted for this project, and now we are their support coaches.

Our students will be equipped and grow in faith through this project, which will build momentum into the year. The training will teach our students how to share the Good News and how to connect new students to our activities.



Last Catalyst and Farewell on Oct 26

We celebrated the End of the Year by hearing from our graduates about their faith, how Power to Change has equipped them in their faith journey and how they have served with us on the UQ campus. We miss our graduates: Daniel, Shona, Melody, Jenna, Thea, Ellen and Cordelia.



Final combined with missionary meeting and MB on Nov 16

This was some specific planning for next year. We look forward to how God will continue to build upon His work in 2018!

First and Final graduation celebration on Nov 20

It was inspiring for our students as Japanese student, Masaru, shared his story and our graduates shared. Our highlight was that he became a 5-day-old new believer. He shared with us how he had joined 6 Bible groups and then accepted Christ. He wants to be a Bible teacher. He knows that his parents will not accept him as a Christian. However, he can stand firm in his faith. Please pray for God to soften his parents' hearts.



Mission team to Japan and Philippines medical mission

This is in a great way for our students to explore mission to Japan and the Philippines for 2 weeks from Nov 18. I am especially encouraged by Celia. Celia has gone on the Philippines medical mission. She is sharing her love of Jesus to people and contributing her skills in Occupational Therapy there. In the same way, she shared with me, "I am always so encouraged by your passion for Christ and your faithfulness in reaching out to many students." This picture was her raising prayer.

Reaching the Staff and Faculty

Ministering to faculty and staff is a pioneering ministry for Ken. When Ken started the ministry mid year, he asked for advice from Scott Pasley who runs City Bible Forum in Brisbane, reaching out to professionals in the city. Scott prayed for Ken to be able to connect with 5 Christian professors/lecturers/scholars and 5 non-Christian staff. In the midst of Ken's fresh experience, God has been faithful. As of today, Ken has connected with 8 Christian staff on the UQ and QUT campuses. At UQ, a monthly fellowship meeting has started. Ken is hoping to start a similar fellowship in QUT. He will be meeting up with the campus chaplain at Griffith University to develop a pastoral and ministry network there. While Scott's first part of the prayer has been answered, Ken is anticipating an answer to the second part of the prayer: that non-Christian staff will be brought into fellowship where pastoral conversations and Gospel messages will be presented. Pray for Ken's reliance upon God.



Gary is our Frontline Co-ordinator and trainer



Ken attending Frontline training on Oct 16-20 in Melbourne

Praise & Prayer Points:

- Praise the Lord for the first official day of Medical Outreach on the Philippines mission where 89 of 119 accepted Jesus Christ.
- Praise the Lord for our summer schoolies project to reach out to people for Christ. They had so many conversations and stories on the Gold Coast and at Byron Bay.
- For our Summer Pulse on Dec 12, Jan 2, Jan 23 and Feb 6. This project is to connect to both local and International students. It motivates them to live out our vision and sharpens them in their faith. Both Ken and I will join it.
- Praise the Lord! We have 74 new believers on 3 main campuses this year.
- For our graduates' transition as they are looking for jobs, adjusting to family and church life.
- For our Graduate Jenna as she applies as a missionary.
- During the summer period, Ken and I will continue to follow up on students.
- For leading our new believers after completing the First Steps Program. That they continue to grow in Christ and have a heart for Christ and people - especially in terms of sharing the Gospel.
- Praise the Lord! We both received a scholarship to go to the vision conference with Cru Bridges International Student Ministry in the US from Dec 27- Jan 1. We will learn from there. After conference, we will visit our friends there. We will be leaving Brisbane on Dec 25 and returning here on Jan 10. We will take our rest and refresh our minds to get ready for the 2018 ministry. Pray for a safe and fruitful trip.
- For both of us to go to ConneXion for our missionary conference each year in Sydney from Jan 13-19, 2018.
- Pray for God to provide sufficiently for us to meet our needs.
- Pray that God will protect our family: physically, emotionally and spiritually every day!
- For the Beyond Brisbane Project from Feb 4-16.

We appreciate your partnership in the Harvest!

We give a big hug to each of you for your love, support and prayer. May God pour out on you abundant blessing without measure. Grace and peace be yours in abundance through Jesus Christ. May the Lord fill you with joy in His presence!

May God richly bless each of you and your families with a joyful Christmas & a blessed Happy New Year for 2018!

Yours in Christ,

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