

### Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

We have come to the end of the first semester at the time this letter is written. In God's grace, we see His glory on campus, International Student Ministry (ISM) has run among the universities in Brisbane:

- 22 Discovery Bible Study (DBS) groups;
  - 15 First Steps (discipleship groups for new believers);
  - 6 Second Steps (groups having completed First Steps);
  - 4 Community Groups (trainers & leaders);
  - 45 not yet Christians participating in other activities.
- Total: 47 discipleship groups plus 45 involved students.

### The Story of His Glory

#### Nikita's Story

Nikita told her story saying, "I am Nikita, from Indonesia. I've been with Power to Change since July last year. I was invited by friend to join the Catalyst fellowship group. Florence challenged me to join the



Bible group, but I refused. After a few weeks, God changed my mind, and I began to realise I should know more about Jesus. I joined Florence's class

through The First Steps program. At that moment, Florence helped Ellen lead me through this program. Now I have walked through the Second Steps program with my classmates Sabrina from China and Caroline from Hong Kong, led by Florence.

Florence encouraged us to share the Good News with others, so we wrote down the names of our non-Christian friends and prayed for them. I wrote down Icey, who is from China, my first friend that I had in



Australia. After a few weeks, I was surprised to meet her in Catalyst. And more surprising is that she decided to join the Bible study to know

more about Jesus. So right now I have Discovery Bible study with Icey. Florence helped me lead her through this program. She hasn't become a believer, yet, but I believe that God has sent me to speak to her. One day she will follow Jesus. Even though she is not a believer right now, I am just doing my part. God will do the rest."

### Florence's Story

Usually, I cast vision to my students through the 2nd Second Steps program like this, "God wants you to share the Gospel to your family and your friends; God wants them to have eternal life through the saving message of Jesus." (Rom 10:14). Here you can see a picture of a discipleship tree: the building of a spiritual movement as it says in 1 Cor 3:6, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow." We are God's fellow workers in extending His kingdom.

### Care and Self-Care

While we care for students, we are also aware of our self-care. Ken and Florence participated in a missionary training last month convened in Melbourne which had a useful subject on well-being in ministry. This semester, we have a group of new students who need much



emotional and spiritual support. We walk with them in their journey and help them cope with

their problems with biblical principles. While we help them in their struggles, they feel love from us and understand the love of God. They really enjoy Bible study. Also, Florence received a message from Sabrina. She said Florence's words of encouragement really made her feel peaceful and full of energy again, and is a good support to her. Sabrina said God sent a good friend to help her go through her troubles.

### Queensland Mid-Year Conference 2018

Following the outreach camp "Breakthrough 2018" in March, Power to Change's "Mid Year Conference 2018"



is approaching between June and July for 6 days. The theme is "Courage".

We will look into how courage plays a part in living out the Christian life. We will learn more about God and how to share our faith. Students from all over Queensland will be gathering at MYC to hear from our guest speaker Grant Bickerton.



## Campus Ministry Report

The harvest field on university campus is plentiful. Students are open to hear the Gospel. We sow the seed



in their hearts, and they grow in Christ and

disciple others. When they return to their home countries, they can disciple their own people. God is calling us to sow and reap here.

This semester a group of Brisbane School of Theology (BST) students came to University of Queensland (UQ)



for mission practice. We are grateful to share

and to pray for the ministry together on campus. They also had the opportunity to do outreach to students.

Beside student ministry, Ken is developing faculty ministry. This is to reach out campus staff who are professors, scholars, researchers and supporting staff.



For the past 10 months, Ken has already formed some

groups on UQ and QUT campuses with some Christians for fellowship. He is hoping to reach out non-Christian staff in the next stage.

## Family Update

Our son Michael has completed a 2-year traineeship program with a construction company. He is given a position to manage environmental compliance for the company. The job is a national assignment that means he has to travel to different sites across the state for work.



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## Praise & Prayer:

- Florence had the privilege of discipling Jenna last year. She has God's call to be a missionary. She was accepted as a "New Missionary Appointee" in March. She requested Florence to continue to disciple her. Pray for her raising support.
- For our students Sabrina, Nikita, Caroline, Ariana, May and Sam who have finished the Second Steps Program. Praise God that they are willing to share the Gospel. Pray that they are willing to be spiritual movement builders (Student leaders).
- Florence has 2 students - Kai and Emily - who will go to their hometown during mid-term break. Pray for them to share the good news with their families and that they will follow Christ.
- For Nikita leading Icey through DBS, and that Icey will follow Christ.
- For Mid-year Conference from June 30-July 5 at Mt Tambourine.
- For helping our graduating students who will return to their home countries, to settle well with family and church life.
- For wisdom and compassion for us to care for students as they deal with their personal issues and find the purpose of life.
- For a faithful and humble attitude to believe in God's provision for our holistic needs, and for God to protect our family with blessing of good health.
- For Ken preaching at the CCCB St Lucia church on July 15.
- Thank the Lord that He has given our son, Michael, a new position and pray for him to commit his life to God.

As time flies, half year has passed. May this mid-year letter a timely reminder of our walk with the Lord in ministering on campus. We will continue to sow and plough and are looking forward to the harvest.

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.*

2 Corinthians 4:6

Yours in Christ,

*Ken & Florence*

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