



# Chan's Newsletter

Christmas Greeting 2019  
&  
New Year Wish 2020



## Greeting to our Families and Friends

Kenneth, Florence and Michael of the Chan family would like to write to you in person to wish you and your family a joyful Christmas 2019 and a blessed New Year 2020. We want to extend a passionate greeting to you in this festive season for many reasons: celebrating Christmas for the birth of Jesus Christ because “for to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6); and celebrating the New Year for “they are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11) manifested in the time to reconcile; to give thanks; and to reflect on blessings as well as adversities. For this, it is our wish and prayer that peace is with you; love overflows from you; hope carries you through each day. Your prayers and interest for us have encouraged us and made a difference on us in many ways to speak the Good News among many needed and hard-to-reach people on campuses and communities in our daily encounters.

## The Chan Family News

Florence and Ken celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary on 26 Jan this year. While Michael, our son, celebrated his 30th birthday in Jan earlier of the year, Florence and Ken both have turned 61 in October and November respectively later in the year. We have kept young at heart, nevertheless our hair is turning grey and our stamina dwindles, moreover our passion to serve has kept us going in strength by the grace of the Lord we believe and with the support of friends around us. This year Michael comes home more frequently for dinners and other celebrated occasions. In this new season, while we are busy in ministering students in universities and caring for patients in hospitals, we also accommodate some youngsters of our friends in our residence for temporary stay. Furthermore, we have set aside the time in year end to come to Hong Kong and Japan to visit our extended families and friends.



## From Michael

Michael, our beloved son is developing his professional career as a production manager in full swing. After a year as environmental compliance officer with Hanson Australia, Michael has moved to a new position in production management where he oversees several production sites across Queensland. There is no shortage of adventures in his life: he traveled to Nepal alone to ride motorbike on a Himalayan trek; to Korea to climb the mountains; and to Hong Kong to visit his grandma to whom Michael said he missed her much.



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### From Kenneth and Florence

As New Year is around the corner, Ken and Florence are thankful for making a balance among ministry, family and personal development. Throughout the year, we have the joy to see many students having graduated, received their honors of study and are ready to continue their life journey here or in their hometowns. We rejoice with them and bless them for their future. The mission organization, Power to Change which we serve has 50 years history in Australia, our Queensland region celebrated its 40th anniversary in ministry this August. The bible college, Brisbane School of Theology (BST) where we have graduated hosted an alumni dinner this year. We met with the old and new lecturers along with alumni over half a century. In August, we participated in BST's Missions Conference 2019 with the theme of Glocal Missions.



Ken and Florence embarked a family mission in Japan during the second week of December. We first met up with our nephew Akitaka Shiogai in Yokohama to orchestrate a reconciliation with his father Hiroichi Shiogai who has a terminal illness. We rejoice for the forgiveness and restoration of relationship. Then we traveled to Hiroichi's hometown in Okayama to attend a church service at House of Prayer Church where the evangelist preached the topic of healing and Hiroichi shared his testimony. We had a lovely fellowship with the congregation. Finally we made our way to Kagoshima to visit the Shiogai family home. Accompanied by Akitaka's aunt, we visited his grandmother in a residential care. Our mission was accomplished on a long Shinkansen passage in 7 days, from Yokohama to Kagoshima to pick up pieces of relationship, nevertheless an endless eternal journey in a complete memoir.



### Blessing from the Chan's

May the timeless message of Christmas fill your heart with joy and may the well wishes of the New Year brighten your life with hope. We want to seal this letter with a blessing. *May God make all things new and lead us each step of this New Year; turn our hearts to good desires; keep us from snares; protect our families and friends. So that we are strong and courageous; released from the grip of bad temptations; standing firm in this unsettled world.* We wish this letter reaching you well with much love and many blessings.

