



Chan Family's Christmas Wishes 2009 & New year Greeting 2010

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Dear our precious families and friends,

The Chan Family, Kenneth, Florence and Michael wish you have the blessing of hope, the peace of love and the confidence of faith at Christmas and may we live in a world with the awareness of God's sovereignty in every wonderful, astonishing, and solemn moment of our life in a joyful yet challenging new year.

We desire the coming year 2010 for peace within your heart; love from family and friends; faith to guide your way; hope to make it through each day; sunshine to light your day and strength to face the challenge as we celebrate. Quote from Benjamin Franklin, "Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours, and let each New Year find you a better man."

Thank you for your continual contact and interest in our well being, and we treasure each and every one of you as our family friends.

Much love and many blessings,
From the Chan's

The Chan Family Update

2009 has marked with changes and challenges in the Chan family. Advancing from Ken and Florence's celebration of our 50th birthdays and seeing our son Michael's grown up to adulthood (21st birthday in a month's time), we have experienced together life changing moments.

Michael's Log

This year has been a very interesting year. I have just finished my third year of my Bachelor of Psychological Science degree at the University of Queensland (UQ), and will commence my final year at the start of 2010. However, I have decided not to continue with psychology in post-graduate study, but with God's willing decide whether to do physiotherapy or medicine. Currently, I am still working at the Wesley Hospital. I work there as a wards person.



As mentioned before, I have quite an eventful year. I believe that someone (God) has been looking after me and keeping me safe, as I had two big motor vehicle accidents recently. I was very fortunate to walk away from both of them, without any major injuries.

Mum and Dad have been very supportive over the past year. I'd like to thank them for their love and support. I'd wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Florence's Sharing

This year I was so busy studying English as a full time student as well as looking after my family. I am especially grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to participate and complete the three and a half year Diakonia program run by the Carey Theological College/On Track Leadership Institute. My graduation ceremony was in Brisbane on the 23rd of August this year. God used the training to inspire me to reflect on my faith, personal application and transformation.



This training was given to help me discover potential leaders and recruit new people who could be involved in the welcome team ministry and, thus, belong to our church. I learnt how to use every opportunity to discover new people to lead in the home group and give training to the Welcome Team. Now Arthur, Vern Li and Gwo Yaw have become teen's leaders. Mary Ann Beecher has been working with me. She is concerned about newcomers and now has a plan to invite newcomers to go her place for a meal. I asked new people including Adrian Lee, Paul, Cesar, Eddie and Teresa who come to our church regularly to help on the welcome team. They have faithful hearts and are keen to serve. Thank God for the welcome team ministry that it is growing. I rejoice at discovering these potential leaders. Adrian Lee is to replace me as Welcome Team leader. I can pass on the baton and will take a break from next January for 6 months so I need to focus on studying English for the next year. This will be my new season. I will do less ministry in the coming new year. I am planning to go to Bible College to study in the future, but I must improve my English. My vision is that I can help to develop a friendly welcoming caring healthy church and expand God's Kingdom.

Ken's Testimony

10 months ago, I stepped into the main door of BCQ to enrol a fulltime theology study. My life has changed course in that moment. This is a critical moment of change, from a past working career, transitioning to a present fulltime student, leading to a future ministry area, where the foundational knowledge of the Bible is to be laid. I received a redundancy letter from my previous company. I was no longer required after 15 years of service in Australia. I know it is a prompting of call to the ministry laid ahead in my life journey.



This journey started when I built up my career in Hong Kong. I was travelling and working in the Asia-Pacific region. I was always assigned to resolve technical problems. While I could repair the most complicated systems, I could not rebuild life, not a single of them. This picture had been hidden in my heart until moving to Australia. Life in Australia is relaxed. I am a keen fisherman. In these years, I had the opportunity of some mission trips to the countries where I once worked. I saw Jesus can save life. He can rebuild life, not just a few, and all who come to Him and believe in Him. To believe and follow Jesus, I've found it is important to understand His word. I am grateful to be trained and prepared for God's mission at the Bible College of Queensland. I thank the Lord for the training and preparation which the Lord has shaped my spiritual life. I see the joy of gaining the foundational knowledge of the Bible, and I am equally challenged by God's word in pruning my arrogance. I have graduated in the Grad Dip in Div this year and in the next 2 years, I look forward to completing the M Div study. I have a dream. One day, I will return to the regions where I once worked for a career to build systems. But this time it will be for a mission. I will be a tent-maker who can still use my technical skill to build a better living for the other. I will be a peace-maker who can still use my relational skill to make friends with others. I will be a fisherman who can minister the word of God as a fisher of men.

Before we write to you again

We look forward to a year of advancement and harvest.

We hope this email can find you well and please know that you are in our thoughts.