



Chan Family's Christmas Wishes 2011 New Year Greeting 2012

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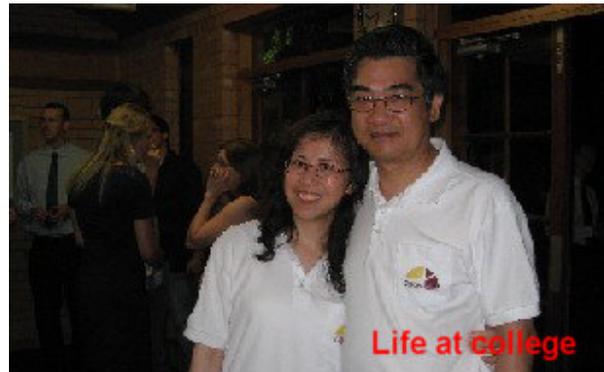
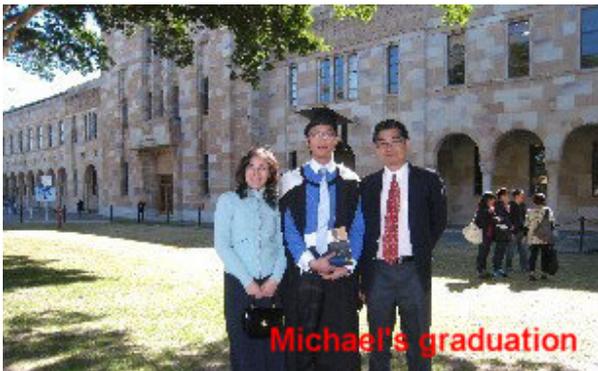
Dear our precious families and friends,

[The Reason of the Season \(Christmyth of Christmas\)](#)

The Chan Family, Kenneth, Florence and Michael express our wish to you and your family a blessed Christmas 2011 and a joyful New Year 2012. The wish of this festive season is sealed on the reason for hope, peace and love in the midst of this turbulent world of financial crises, political turmoils and ecological worries. And the reason of the season is explained by Isaiah 9:6-7 which says, “6 *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 Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*” It is our wish and prayer that peace is with you; love overflows and guides your way; hope makes it through each day with strength. Thankful we can continue to reach you and your continual interest in our well being. We treasure each one of you as our family friends.

[The Chan Family Update](#)

In early 2011, we came home from Hong Kong with a surprise. Our unit was inundated by water leak in one of the worst Queensland flooding. However, this mishap did not snub our joy of reunion with our nephew (Akitaka) in Japan after a 23-year wait. We lived for 3 months of solidarity while Michael was still travelling in the USA till March and of celebration for our 25th wedding anniversary marking a milestone of our lives. Throughout the year of 2011, there is a clear sign of change of season of life. Both of us, Ken and Florence are studying in the Bible College and Michael our son is working after his graduation from university. We desire to seek the balance of life. However, we are not always perfect to maintain all balance. The ultimate goal of life is to live in fullness which sometimes may put us into extreme. 2011 is a season which has demonstrated this extreme. Out of Christ's fullness we have received grace (John 1:16). The fullness of Him fills everything in every way (Eph 1:23). We look forward to 2012 in a new season, a time of new endeavours.



Kenneth's Report

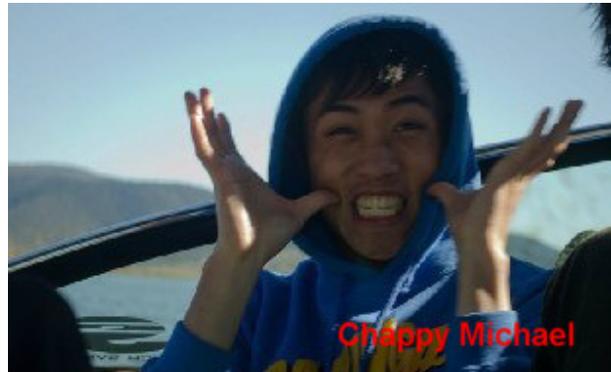
This year, I have a lot more white hair. My back pain comes more often. But I still enjoy the season. In reflection, during the past 3 years, God has taught me what it means to be a passionate follower of Christ through some hard and good lessons in disciplining me so that I can disciple the others. 2009 was the year of big change. I took a career break and entered into fulltime study at Crossway College. 2010 saw the year of reality in pastoral ministry where I learned pastoral care both at church in Australia and in the mission field in China. This year 2011 was dominated by the challenge of mission. I entered into a new experience in the outback Australia on a road journey from Brisbane to Darwin. Next year 2012 will be a final preparation of training for me before graduation in June where Florence and I will go for a study trip to Israel.

Florece's Report

This year, I was a full time student, studying at Crossway College in God's plan. I enjoy studying with Ken at college. We often stay to research information for our papers in the library. God has also blessed Ken and me to that we can study at Bible College by enabling us to receive Austudy to provide the money for our living expenses. Praise the Lord, I have achieved good academic results. I'd like to thank Graham, Ellie, Les, Thelma, Kim, Susanna and Aman for their support, encouragement and guidance. I remember when I was very stressed with my studies because English is not my native language. I had to spend a lot of time reading materials and writing papers. I have also had to face challenges with my health. However, I have had God's call to serve people. I was particularly aware of this during my Crossway College Mission Week from August 22nd to 26th this year, working with Student Life, which is a Christian group evangelizing international students on Griffith University Campus. God has given me the desire to evangelize, disciple, and equip International students. God has also given me this vision to serve him in student work.

Michael's Report

This year has been both eventful and uneventful for me. I traveled around North America for three months and only arrived back in Brisbane early March. Since then, I have just been working, and spending time with family and friends. Next year, I am going back to school to do engineering. This is something I feel that I am passionate about. As of Christmas night, I am jetting off again for three weeks to ski in Japan. God Bless.



We hope this email can reach you that you are in our thoughts with all blessings, much love and many blessings from the Chan's.