

## Dear Prayer Partners

Greetings from Brisbane!

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through Jesus Christ. The Lord will fill you with joy in His present.

Ken and Florence are very clear that God has called us to be a missionary couple serving with Power to Change to reach international students and faculty on the UQ campus. We proclaim God's Word and find those who are lost. Through Jesus, their lives can be transformed. We are stepping out in faith as we need to raise financial support to serve in this ministry. Praise the Lord, Ken has come on board this month. Before Ken came on board a week ago, he received a call from his colleague asking him to apply for an IT position on the UQ campus (Ken had worked there before). Indeed, a higher salary tempted him. However, Ken rejected this managerial position. Florence recalls that having confirmed her calling as a full-time missionary during NMO in March last year, after the training, the principal of the North Shore Education Centre urgently wanted to employ her long term as a full-time worker. Florence refused this position. God has been testing and examining our faith journey.

During this time, while Ken has raised sufficient support, Florence has a significant shortfall and we need to urgently find new supporters to supplement the deficit. It is demanding to raise fund while doing ministry. One morning, Florence had an encouraging devotion reflecting on Psalm 26:2 that the Lord tested her and examined her heart and mind to see if she would be faithful to His ministry. However, she continually walks by faith. We still trust the Lord to provide sufficiently for us.

Here is Florence's sharing: "I pray for those who have a mission heart, that they will grant us ongoing financial support so we can focus on God's mission to reach the world. A few partners have encouraged me. They have said we have spiritual gifts to evangelize, disciple and care for pastoral needs - and they do not have these spiritual gifts, but can provide support for us. They would like to join our support team. Ken and I are sowers and reapers in God's harvest field, but we work as a whole team with God's people. All of together give Him the glory!"

## God is at work



### **Mid Year Conference (MYC) June 26-July 1, 2017**

MYC had 105 students attending. The emphasis was on Campus ministry. It was such as an inspiring and encouraging by great talks of prayer, outreach and trainings. We also had a lot of fun on beach. We loved to hear different stories from our students what they learnt and shared the Good News of Jesus to people on beaches during the outreach. How excited we were to see God working through our students leading 6 people to Christ and 2 students followed Christ through Exploring Christianity Program that our missionary team (Ken and Florence and Alex) led this program. Praise the Lord. God is at work on their hearts.

It was good experience for Florence's student, May who is a new believer for 3 months, at the first time she observed Florence how to start conversations with the strangers for doing evangelism. She could overcome to speak to Aussie on beach and shared her testimony. She did the great job.

### **Orientation Week (O week) July 17-20, 2017**



Our missionaries team and our Movement Builders (MB) came to share Good News to new students on UQ, OUT and Griffith University Campuses during the O week. It was such an amazing time through our MB leading 5 students to Christ! One of our MB, Joshua shared, "Amazing day of outreach today. The first time God has given me a time and a place in prayer based evangelism resulted in a new believer today. Truly shows how the fruit flows when we've connected to the vine (John 15). Anybody who's keen for learning more about how God speaks and directs evangelism" It is very inspiring.

## Social Events during Semester Break



We had a hot pot night on July 4 with our MB and the other students after MB planning for Semester 2. Also, what a beautiful day it was on July 11 with our students' fellowship! Thanks for our students and some new faces coming our picnic and helping and having so much fun with great fellowship at Roma Street Parkland!

## Developing Pastoral Network in Faculties

Ken has begun initialing pastoral connections and conversations with people of teaching, researching and supporting roles in the universities. This will be a pioneering ministry for Ken to explore. So far Ken has made connections with 2 visiting scholars from China and engaged conversations with 2 local professors who are faculty leads in UQ and QUT respectively.

## Prayer Points

1. Thanks God for 8 people who followed Jesus at MYC in June and 5 students as Vitoria, John, Christina, Sam and Izzy who became new believers through O week in July. Pray for all new believers to be grounded in His word.



2. What an awesome night we had 101 students coming at Catalyst on July 27. A great start to the Semester 2! On that night, I connected new students as Athena, Tiffany, Karen, Carolyn, Sandra (HK), Nitika (Indonesia) and Sabrina and Cathaway (China). They have started to study Discovery Bible Study (DBS) with me in the first week of August. Please pray for them to learn about Jesus, they will come to faith in Jesus one day.
3. Pray for our missionary team and MB to continue connecting our students to Jesus through DBS and Catalyst and English Conversation Club. We will be reaching out to be fruitful and leading more students to Christ and our MB becoming disciple-makers in Semester 2.

4. Praise the Lord that Ken has come on board since July. Pray that God continues to use us connecting the students and faculties on campus powerfully. Remember Florence's need to find new supporters to maintain her support level. Pray for God to provide sufficiently for us.

5. Pray for God will protect our family physically, emotionally and spiritually everyday!

We appreciate your partnership in the Harvest!

Blessings to you and your family!

Yours in Christ,

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