

## Dear friends and prayer partners

Greetings from Brisbane!

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through Jesus Christ. May the Lord fill you with joy in His presence.

We (Ken and Florence) always remember you in our prayers. We pray that the Lord will strengthen you with power through His Spirit for whatever situation you are in. May the Lord also guard your heart and mind in Christ, and may you be prosperous and successful. He will be with you always.

How amazing that God has called us both as a local missionary couple to minister to international students and help reach the world for Jesus! Most of these students are from the 10/40 window, meaning their background is from Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu countries. The harvest field on the University of Queensland campus is plentiful. As we sow the seed in their hearts and they grow in Christ, they end up discipling others. When they return to their home countries, they can disciple their own people. We are happy to work together here to build them up.

Life is busy and challenging, but we are full of God's grace, love and joy as we serve in His ministry. God knows our situation. We feel so blessed. We have really experienced our God meeting all of our needs within the last 3 months. We trust God to make up our needs continually. You are our partners for the Kingdom of God, and together we can fulfill the Great Commission and give Him the glory!

### God is at work

It has been such an amazing Semester 2! We focused on sharing the Gospel of Jesus to serve the Lord in undivided devotion to Him. In August, Florence led 6 people to Christ: Carolyn, Sam, Gigi, Sabrina, Lena and Pujan (formerly his background was Hinduism), from Hong Kong, China and India. They have already been studying the First Steps Program with Florence and have gone to different churches.



Florence also met some Muslim boys on Aug 8. They were open to learn about Jesus. The next week, Florence received an email from Ahmed, one of the Muslims. He was waiting for her to tell him more about Jesus. Ken and Florence started the first lesson with him. He continues coming to learn about Jesus.

On September 2, Power to Change ISM organised an event on beach day. Ken and Florence shared the Good News of Jesus to Leeko. How excited we were that he accepted Jesus Christ. He has come to Ken's First Steps Program.





On Sept 14, Nikita, who came to our Catalyst from Indonesia, talked to Florence. Florence confirmed with her that she is a Christian and asked if she reads the Bible and prays daily. Nikita does not really do that everyday, so Florence challenged her about how important this is for our Christian life. Finally, Nikita made a decision to attend Florence's class. Florence also helps others to lead.

### Jesus week from Aug 21-25

'Jesus week' was a big week including an evangelistic event on the UQ campus aimed at answering the big questions non-Christians have. Florence brought some students to these Jesus talks. She remembered on Aug 24 how over 100 students came to our Catalyst on that night. How excited Florence was to lead an Indian boy, Pujan, to Christ. We had a discussion group after Luna's message at Catalyst. He was clear about what he believes concerning his Christian faith.

Ken connected a number of professors and teaching staff, Professor Gordon, Henry and Tommy at UQ and QUT respectively and other supporting staff, Mark and Christine, to 'Jesus week'. We shared our mission and vision on campus with them as we are also aiming to reach faculty members with the Good News.



### Sharing Our Story

Our students encourage us. They are starting to read the scriptures and pray daily. Also, we can see the influence we are having on their lives. They now have a life goal. When students are struggling with personal issues, we walk with them and give them support. Ken is helping them through the counseling and pastoral care skills that he learned in clinical pastoral education. We encourage them with the words: God watches over and protects us; He is our Lifeguard, seeing our struggle. He helps us overcome the troubles of life. We can rest in this knowledge of God.



### Core Missionary Training from Aug 21 -22

Florence and new missionaries from around Australia were in Brisbane for the Core Training.

### WAG on Sept 8

13 female campus workers shared our life and ministry, and prayed for one another at the Lovewell Project Cafe at the top of the Mt Gravatt Outlook. It is such a beautiful place!



**Prayer Points**

1. Pray for Ken to preach in Cantonese and Mandarin languages to 2 congregations on Oct 1 in a Brisbane local church. We will also both share our ministry there.
2. Pray for us to share the message at the Marriage Encounter Retreat Level 2 union meeting on Oct 7.
3. Praise the Lord. Nikita has come to Florence's Bible study class. It was great to start her on a relationship with God and she was encouraged to read the book of Matthew during devotional time. Thank God for new brothers and sisters: Carolyn, Gigi, Sabrina, Lena, Pujan, Sam, and Leeko, who have joined God's big family. Pujan is being followed up by his classmate Dante. Pray for them to be rooted in His words and to bear fruit, and for Pujan and Leeko to find the right church.
4. Non believer, Cathaway, will come back to the Discovery Bible study after Oct 21 when she finishes the IELTS exam. Pray for God to soften her heart so she will accept Jesus. Also, pray for God to soften non-believer Ariana's heart so she will make a decision for Christ. Pray that Ahmed continues to come to learn about Jesus, and that he will become a Christian and witness to his Muslim friends.
5. Praise the Lord! So far we have seen 66 students saved. We continue to trust God to see many souls saved this year, and for our MB and new believers to help build spiritual movement on campus and everywhere.
6. Pray for Ken to go to the 1st block Frontline training from Oct 16-20 in Melbourne.
7. Beyond Brisbane Project 2018 is held from Feb 4-16 to equip our international students in how to engage in conversation with new people when sharing the Good News of Jesus on campuses. We will train them on how to lead a Bible study. We will encourage students to join this Summer Project training for 2 weeks to build up a spiritual movement. Our deadline is Oct 20.
8. We will both be at the Bridges Vision Conference in the US from Dec 28 to Jan 1 with 5 other national missionaries and 10 of our students who have received a subsidy which will enable them to go!
9. Pray for God to use us powerfully and establish the work of our hands to lead many souls to be saved.
10. Pray for God to provide sufficiently for us to meet our needs.
11. Pray that 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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