

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

May 2018 be a blessed year that you experience Christ in a new and fresh way. Thank you for your continual support and interest in our well being and our ministry, and we treasure each and every one of you. Thank you for making a difference on us in so many ways. Your prayers, giving and interest have encouraged us to speak the Good News and to live the Gospel, among many of the needy and ready-to-reach people in our daily encounters on university campuses.

Bridges International Vision Conference in the USA

Having received scholarship from Bridges International, Ken and Florence left Brisbane on Christmas Day bound for Baltimore in the

US for a 5-day international student conference. While met with bitter cold weather (-10°C), we were received by the warmth of the like-minded and kindered heart from our US colleagues. It was a wonderful conference with 1200+ participants (students and staff) from 50+ nations sharing the vision and experience in campus ministry. As members of the Australian team of 6 missionaries and 4 students, we have learnt from the US colleagues as well as promoted the AUS experience in international student ministry. God has strengthened our partnership across the Pacific. We had a table to invite people to join the Sydney Summer Project in June this year. Conferenced finished on New Year day, over 20 students gave their lives to Christ.



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Reunion with a mission friend, Emily in Los Angeles

We traveled to LA to catch up with a friend, whom we met in a Cambodian mission 10 years ago. The 2-day stay was memorable and far reaching. Our friends took us to Fuller Theological Seminary to attend the semester inauguration service where we met the Dean of the School of Intercultural Studies who gave us a book about Asian Christianity to take back to BST.



Accompanied by Emily and Eugene, we watched sunset at Santa Monica and visited a Chinese C&MA church at San Gabriel Valley, the LA stay was a great sense of fellowship in déjà vu.



Visiting BCQ/BST Alumnus in Phoenix, Arizona

Then we came to Phoenix City to visit our BCQ alumnus Selma, and her husband Jerry who is the youth pastor of Greater Phoenix Chinese Christian Church (GPCCC). We had a warm and hospitable stay for 4 days in their home. We went to see the Grand Canyon, a spectacular view of God's creation. Our stay



concluded with a Sunday service at GPCCC and our home return journey to Australia began the next day.



National Conference ConneX ion 2018 in Sydney

Upon returning home, we joined with our workers for a week (13-19 Jan) in the Power to Change national conference. The theme of the conference is "Fruitfulness". It was such an encouraging and inspiring week as we gathered together to



reconnect, to learn great teaching, to hear what God has been doing in our midst, and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Power to Change missionary service in Australia. With 150+

missionary workers, we see the faithfulness of servants who serve for 5, 10, 20, 35, 40 years, and the thousands of believers coming to Christ, it is truly a manifestation of fruitfulness in Christian life and ministry. At this time, consolidating the previous learning and taking up new responsibility, Ken and Florence are embarking a new and renewed start in 2018 for our ministry.



Beyond Brisbane Project 2018

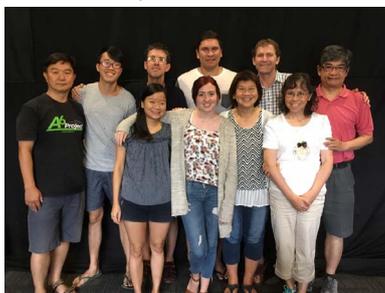
The Beyond Brisbane Project (4-16 Feb) has started at the time of this letter being written. 10 missionaries and 18 students join together to reach out international



students across the major universities in Brisbane during the orientation weeks in February. Our students will be equipped and trained by our missionaries with Gospel materials, evangelization training sessions and discipleship workshops. We will go out together to meet students on campuses and initiate spiritual conversations with the hope of a full gospel presentation in anticipation of a conscientious decision from the people to follow Christ.

Ministry Outlook of 2018

Before Beyond Brisbane kicked started, we had a missionary retreat in Redcliffe which gave us a good opportunity to regain strengths and to improve teamwork. As for personal



development plan and goals, Florence will focus in evangelizing and discipling new students as well as mentoring some key students. Ken in addition to student ministry, he will continue to develop faculty staff ministry with hope to reach out non-Christian staff.



Family Update

Ken and Florence have gone through our 32nd wedding anniversary coincident with Australia Day on 26 Jan. Michael, our son, also celebrated his 29th birthday in January this year. While we minister to people, we find quality family time important. These days Michael only comes home once a month for dinners due to busyness at work. We make the best use of time when we come together. Ken and Florence also have a good marriage support group where we have regular fellowship.



Praise & Prayer Points:

- This week (12-17 Feb), the 2nd week of Beyond Brisbane Project, inline with orientation week of most universities sees a great opportunity to reach out new students on campuses. Pray for the work in O week to go well. We will connect students to join discipleship programs. Last week a few team members including me were sick. Pray for our recovery and good rest so that we have strength to share the Good News.
- Praise the Lord for our graduate Jenna who was discipled by Florence last year. She has recently applied, been interviewed and been accepted as an internship for 2 years to serve with Power to Change. Pray for her raising support well.
- For our graduates' transition as they are looking for jobs, adjusting to family and church life. There will be seminars in March for these students.
- For new believers led by Ken and Florence: Caroline, Nikita, Sabrina, Gigi, May, Ariana, Stephen, Sam and Mike who completed the First Steps program last year, continue to be discipled by us this year. That they continue to grow in Christ and have the passion to become disciple-makers.
- For Ken's preaching in Cantonese and Mandarin congregations in Toowong Baptist Church on 11 March.
- For students, believers and non-believers to join the Breakthrough camp (16-18 March).
- For Florence to arrange for colonoscopy on 26 March. That this procedure will go well.
- For our son, Michael to finish his 2-year traineeship program by the end of Feb. That God continues to provide him a suitable position.
- For God to provide sufficiently to meet our needs.
- Pray that God protects our family: physically, emotionally and spiritually every day!

We appreciate your partnership in the harvest! May God richly bless you and your family.

"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." 1 Cor 9:22b

Yours in Christ,

Ken & Florence

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