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and each other on Campus

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### Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

Beyond Brisbane Project 2018 marked the beginning of our campus ministry of the year. In partnership with Toowong Uniting Church, Power to Change had 11 missionaries and 19 students and 1 volunteer joined as a team to go through a 2-week (4-16 Feb) evangelistic, discipleship and outreach program on major campuses of UQ and QUT in Brisbane which saw 313 gospel initiations, 115 gospel conversations and 63 gospel presentation. In God's grace, 2 people came to Christ. With your prayers and support, we are in full motion to reach, disciple and pastoral care these students.

### Campus Ministry in Semester 1

In this semester Ken and Florence received requests to



provide pastoral care and spiritual need for some students. We have 4 separate cases of referral. It is intense and emotional draining. Yet we have

to serve humbly and willingly. While new students come, some graduating students are returning to their home countries. We participated in a special returnee training in March which was run to help educate us how we can successfully help our students return home well.



### Events and Conference

O-week events in Catalyst meetings like International



Friendship Night and Aussie Cultural Night had culminated in the blessing of Breakthrough 2018, an outreach camp conducted in Currimundi Recreational Centre (16-

18 Mar). Besides the funs and learning, there was a great sense of unity as international students joined with local students likewise for missionaries and staff. The keynote speaker asked us to stand firm to bring the gospel to world. In the camp, 2 students confirmed their faith and 2 other asked to be baptized.



### Pastoral Care in Discipleship

Caring for students and disciple making should go hand



in hand. The goal of pastoral care is to care in ways that encourage the spiritual growth of people, as the ultimate result of discipleship. As we mentioned about the referral cases, in an attentive and respectful

presence to students, we help and support in times of their stress and crisis. We also pray for them. We turn everyday pastoral care interactions into disciple making opportunities. We provide guiding principles for helping students move towards Christ and spiritual maturity.

### Preaching in Evangelism

Since the past year, Ken and Florence have been

developing a pastoral network with various local churches in Brisbane by promoting the student ministry of Power to Change and explaining our roles on campus. Using this church connection, we help students integrate



into the fellowship of church, a spiritual home for Christian life. As a result, we are grateful to receive support from some local churches. Because of this, Ken is also invited occasionally to preach, an opportunity to introduce the church to the campus ministry.

### From Campus to Home

For many years in the past for church ministry, we had



opened our home for home group meetings which had come to an end since we began our respective studies in the bible college. From this year for student ministry, we have commenced to

invite students and their families to our home in celebrated occasions, and to accommodate some individuals in emergency situations. While it is a great sense of déjà vu, we are mindful of setting up a sensible boundary for making an extension of our ministry from campus to home.

## Discipleship and Disciple-Making

Jesus' call to discipleship (Luke 14:26-33) includes His call to disciple-making (Matthew 28:19). Justin Welby said, "The best decision anyone can ever make, at any point in life, in any circumstances, whoever they are, wherever they are,



whatever they are, is to become a disciple of Jesus Christ." International Student Ministry team (ISM) has launched 13 Discovery Bible Study (DBS) groups in this semester. We mentor new students as well as coaching old students. While we are teaching seekers with DBS to explore Christianity, we are also modeling to new believers with First Steps (FS) to share the gospel with their friends and families.



## Breaking New Ground in 2018

This semester has seen 17 people trusting our Lord Jesus on-campus and off-campus, through direct spiritual conversations and natural fellowship relationships, from



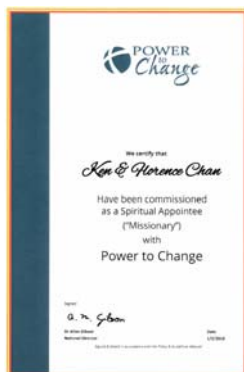
campus turf at the university to camping ground by the ocean. We pray for these believers being discipled

well and then equipped to reach others. This newsletter is written in Easter, a moment of reflection of Jesus' death and a realization of Jesus' resurrection, a season of hope and a clear reminder of the Great Commission as Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations ... surely I am with you always ..." (Matt 28:19).



## Family Update

Ken and Florence have received formal certification of missionary appointment from Power to Change in the celebration of its 50th anniversary service in Australia this year. It marks a significant milestone of our faith journey and



bestows a continuous pathway in our ministry to serve.

## Praise & Prayer:

- For new believers led by Ken and Florence: Caroline, Nikita, Sabrina, May, Ariana, Stephen, Sam and Mike who completed the First Steps program last year, continue to be discipled to the Second Steps program by us this year. That they continue to grow in Christ. Some have hearts to share the Good News of Jesus and will lead DBS. For their perseverance to become disciple-makers. Also, some new students are facing challenges their situations. We have been walking in this journey with them. Pray for them to be transformed by the Holy Spirit.
- For Ken to disciple MB students, Henry and Chris at QUT and UQ.
- For our 15 MBs who begin to lead their own DBS groups. For their strengths to serve the Lord as well as thriving in their studies.
- Thanks God for bringing 90+ students to come our last Catalyst before Easter break.
- Thanks God for 17 souls saved for Christ includes 8 people from natural relationship off campus.
- For our son, Michael to commit his life to God and for God to continue to provide him a right position after the completion of his traineeship program.
- That Ken and Florence are going to Core Missionary Training (14-17 May) in Melbourne. For God to provide sufficiently to meet our needs.
- For Ken to continue to develop faculty ministry for teaching and supporting staff at UQ and QUT. That lunch and fellowship meetings continue respectively at UQ and QUT. Thanks for a recent connection to 2 visiting scholars. Also, for a meeting with City Bible Forum for future collaboration to reach academics.
- Pray that God protects our family: physically, emotionally and spiritually every day as well as Ken and Florence's good health to serve the Lord!

May the timeless message of the Easter fill your heart with hope. We wish this newsletter can reach you well that you are in our thoughts and we are in your prayers. With thankfulness and love, may God richly bless you and your family.

*"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."*

Mark 1:17

Yours in Christ,

*Ken & Florence*

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