

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

With the commencement of the second semester, we have entered into the second half of 2018. In Australia, the winter season is about to end in August and spring is around the corner in September. More interestingly, while fruit crops picking seasons are all year round, the winter grain crops here in the northern region are harvested in spring according to the National Harvest Guide. In God's grace, we are seeing His harvest on campus, International Student Ministry (ISM) has seen 5 new believers coming to Christ at the beginning of this semester adding to a total of 40 souls saved in the advancement of this year. Yet Jesus said to us, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." (Matt 9:37)

Into the Harvest

After the winter crops are harvested, the summer crops are sown. On campus, after we have farewelled students who are graduating, we see new students coming.

Graduating Students



We are delighted that 4 students under our care have graduated from their studies, a remarkable milestone in their university life. We congratulate them

that they have achieved academically, and most importantly they have received Jesus as their saviour. As their disciples, we are to be by their side for these days. Today, we cherish them and love them always.



Returning Students

Some of our students are returning home to reunite with their family. They have grown into mature young people.



While they are chasing their dream, we are in anticipation of their continuous growth. We bless them for their

life journey, career path and family reunion.

Incoming Students

Many universities in Australia offer a mid-year, second semester start. We have seen many new students coming to campus. It is a precious opportunity to reach out to them. Catalyst fellowship this semester has consistently high attendance. In overall activities, we have 120 students involved in ISM to date.



MYC 2018

The Mid-Year Conference sees how courage can play an important part of Christian life. We have learnt more about God personally and how to share our faith in community. Especially we see our students stepping up



with courage. The keynote sessions teach us how to cope with fear positively. The discipleship and evangelism training teach students both knowledge and skills. The seminars have interesting topics such as dealing with mental health. We also have an outreach day to the Gold Coast with gospel conversations and presentations.

Jesus Week 2018

Jesus Week is scheduled at UQ from 20 to 24 in August aiming at answering big questions often asked by people today: 1.The Unhappy Pursuit of Happiness; 2.Grace or Karma; 3.Would Jesus Judge me? 4.Has Science buried God? 5.Who is God? How would I Know? With these life's big questions, here is an opportunity to examine our belief system and let Christianity offer a credible response.



JESUS WEEK
Who do you think he is?

MONDAY THE UNHAPPY PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS
We all want to be happy, but it's so elusive. What if chasing happiness is making us unhappy? People often call Jesus a good teacher, could his teachings about life provide some answers?

TUESDAY GRACE OR KARMA?
Karma is getting what you deserve. Grace is getting what you don't deserve. Which journey are you on?

WEDNESDAY WOULD JESUS JUDGE ME?
In an age of outrage, it feels like everyone is in danger of being thrown to the wolves for things we've thought, said, and done. But what about Jesus? If he knew everything about you, what would he say?

THURSDAY HAS SCIENCE BURIED GOD?
Has science replaced God? Do the discoveries of science point towards or away from a creator? Do you have to choose between science and Christianity?

FRIDAY WHO IS GOD? HOW WOULD I KNOW?
Most of us believe in a "higher power" or a "god" of some kind, but who or what is it? How can we know? Come and explore the answer Jesus gives.

Week 5 (20th-24th August)
Short Talks with G&A
12-1pm
Holt Room*

Discipling the Disciples

International Student Ministry (ISM) is currently running 47 discipleship groups on university campuses in Brisbane. Florence and Ken are involved in



Discovery Bible Study (DBS) for seekers, First Steps Program for new believers and Second Steps Program for growing believers.



Becoming Movement Builders

In the vision of a movement for every campus, the Gospel for each student, we have seen our campus movement led by student leaders. We are grateful to see in MYC that 4 new students from ISM signed up to serve as Movement Builders, adding to a total of 21 MB's for whom we have been praying.



Called to Mission

In response to the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20), some students are called to mission. We have entrusted to reliable people who are qualified to teach others (2 Tim 2:2). We are glad to see our students take hold of courage in their hearts.



Team Collaboration

In August, we warmly welcomed the Monash University Team, 4 missionaries and 8 students from Melbourne to visit ISM Team in Brisbane. In 3 days, we shared experience in student ministry; mutually encouraged each other in evangelization and discipleship; prayed for us in building national-wide campus movement.



Praise & Prayer:

- Praise the Lord. We have a great start in the new semester 2. In O-Week, Florence modeled evangelism to her students Nikita, Carolyn, and Sabrina to reach out non-believers on campus. We connected 1 believer, Dayana from Columbia and 3 other non-believers, Gloria from China, Shamien from Malaysia and Sandy from Taiwan with beliefs in Taoism, Atheism and Buddhism respectively. Florence is coaching Nikita to lead Dayana in 1ST Steps Program and Icey in DBS; Carolyn to lead Shamien in DBS. Florence also in person leads Gloria and Sandy in DBS. Pray for those new students are open to learn about Jesus and come regularly to classes. One day they will accept and follow Jesus.
- For Florence to develop multiplier ministry where key students are committed to become multipliers in evangelism and discipleship ministry. At present, Florence is leading Sabrina and May in Returnee Program; Nikita and Carolyn in PODS Program.
- For wisdom and compassion of Ken and Florence to care for some students to deal with their personal issues and be clear of their purpose of life.
- Ken has connected a few PhD students. He is hoping that he can form a fellowship for PhD students. He also plans to extend his pioneering faculty ministry to local Australians in the coming 12 months.
- For faithful and humble attitude of Ken and Florence to believe in God's provision in our holistic needs; and for God to protect our family with blessings of good health.

Family News

As spring is around the corner, while we have seen the harvest in the field, we are planning our schedule in the coming months towards the end of the year. Florence will embark on a Reformation Study Trip in September with BST traveling to Rome, Germany and Switzerland following the narrative of the Protestant Reformation from the Medieval Church. Ken and Florence will travel to Hong Kong to visit our families and home church which supports our ministry.

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Romans 1:16

Yours in Christ,

Ken & Florence

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