

### Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

We are thankful for God's faithfulness, and for bearing His fruit in the harvest field on university campus. While we labour in sowing the seeds, God gives the increase, and we rejoice in reaping the harvest (2 Cor 9:10). Dr. Charles Stanley in his book '30 Life Principles' said, "You reap what you sow, more than you sow, and later than you sow." We thank you for your partnership with us to fulfil the Great Commission of reaching the nations. Harvest has come in the right season.

### Sowing and Reaping

Jesus said, "The seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." (Matt 13:23).



By the end of this campus season, we have seen 60

new believers in International Student Ministry (ISM). Eight students were baptised at a local church in Brisbane whilst another one was baptised in Hong Kong.



### Discipleship Tree

And Jesus continued to say, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed ... Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree ..." (Matt 13:31-32).

Florence has 13 students (4 seekers) coming to Bible study with her this semester. She runs 9 classes comprising 5 programs (DBS, First Steps Program, Second Steps Program, PODS, Returnees Program). How exciting it is!



Sam and Tracy were baptized on Sept 23 and Oct 28 in Hong Kong and Brisbane respectively. Shamien and Icey made decision to follow Jesus Christ on Aug 27 and Oct 28. Praise the Lord!

Florence has been discipling some key students. They are Carolyn, Nikita and Sabrina who have completed the Second Steps Program. Florence encourages them to co-lead DBS with new students. We appreciate that they can step out in courage to help others. We have seen them grow in faith with a loving heart for people.

Picture of discipleship tree:  
Ellen → Nikita → Icey

Carolyn → Shamien

Sabrina → Gloria (seeker)



### Testimony of Students

#### Shamien's Story

"I came from a non-religious family. As a kid I used to follow my Christian neighbor to church to meet friends. But I never considered becoming a Christian. On UQ Market Day I went to the Power to Change booth and filled a survey form. Later I received a message from Florence who offered me to have Bible study with her. In the course of the Bible study, I feel that I am close to God who helps me to go through hard time. So I decided to accept Jesus in my life. With the help of Florence and Carolyn I confessed my sin in prayer and followed Jesus on 27th August 2018. Since then, I do not feel alone but have joy in my soul. I notice that I no longer cry because of stress in study. I become more confident of myself."

#### Icey's Story

"When I studied at university in China, I heard from my teacher who came from England, sharing her story about how she became a Christian. One day I met Florence who invited me to join the Catalyst fellowship. I was surprised to meet my classmate Nikita there. I was invited to join DBS. I learnt about Jesus but had a lot of questions which I could not fully comprehend. However, I still felt God's blessings on me. Suddenly, God opened my heart. I made a decision to follow Him on Oct 28 after a Sunday evening service. Through a confession prayer guided by Pastor Robert, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior. Kenneth and Florence gave me blessing. I feel having peace and joy."



We are inspired both by Shamien and Icey. As a new Christian just for 10 weeks, Shamien is already sharing her testimony on campus and witnessing to other students like Sandy. After joining DBS for 5 months, Icey is committed to go to church. God's time is perfect. God opens her heart through sermons. Icey is learning how to share her testimony to other people like her parents.

## Faculty Ministry

Ken's faculty ministry to reach out campus staff is taking shape. A year of ploughing the ground has seen some fertile soils to date. The UQ group meets regularly each month. We start to have topical discussion in meeting. This month we talked about 'Being a Christian in Research'. Although QUT does not have a group, Ken has pastoral relationships with 3 individual staff there. Recently Ken has initiated dialogue with 2 staff in the finance and IT areas of Griffith University through local church connection. Ken is encouraged by the chaplains in the respective campuses.



## Last Catalyst, Farewell Party and Shindig Night

Catalyst, ISM's signature fellowship met on 25 Oct for the last time of the year. Thereafter students will start their final exam preparation. In the same week on 26 Oct, we farewelled our beloved visiting student, Danni and friend Rebecca who will return to Korea and USA respectively. Shindig convened earlier on 20 Oct saw a celebrated send-off with blessing for our departing students who graduate. These events of a closing season marks with joy and sentiment.



## Movement Modeling

Our visitor, Rebecca from the US has a heart for expanding her church ministry. Darren invited her to observe Power to Change Movement model in Brisbane, so that she can be better prepared to train her church in disciple making back in the US. She has stayed in Brisbane for 2 months. Florence assisted her in leading a new DBS class a few times and gave her advice. Rebecca is eager to learn from Florence in different programs. Looking forward to seeing how God will use her to serve in her church.



## Preparing for a New Season

The time of harvest is followed by preparing for a new season, getting ready for all God has for us. In the progression of local mission (Gold Cost Schoolies) and overseas mission (EA and WA Missions), ISM Team is finalizing the Beyond Brisbane Project 2019 ready for reaching out students the coming year. Team structure of ISM is expanded next year. A new QUT ISM Team will operate at QUT in parallel with the UQ ISM Team at UQ.



## Praise & Prayer

- Praise the Lord that Sam and Tracy disciples by Florence were baptized; Shamien and Icey have become new believers. Pray for them to grow in faith.
- Pray for Florence's multiplier ministry where key students Carolyn, Nikita and Sabrina are committed to become multipliers in discipleship ministry. Pray that they continue to serve on campus and are willing to become MBs in 2019.
- For Shamien's integration into a local Church in St Lucia. A church elder would like to introduce her to a Malaysian aboriginal church (Orang Asli Ministry) where she can attend in her holiday break back home.
- For Icey's return to her hometown during summer break. She will share her story to her family and be able to find a suitable church to attend.
- For Gloria and Sandy knowing more about Jesus through DBS. Gloria was raised in a Taoist family. Her parents require her to keep Taoism. Sandy needs time to accept to Jesus. Both Gloria and Sandy are willing to come to Bible Study, already for 3 months. Please pray for them to accept Jesus one day.
- Praise the Lord. Florence had the privilege of discipling Jenna last year. Since September this year, she has been a part of our team. Florence's role now is a Frontline trainer giving her pastoral care support.
- We will have a monthly shortfall of \$600 next year. We need to find new supporters to make up the need. Please pray for God's provision.
- We will go back to Hong Kong from Nov 16 to Dec 10. During this period, we will visit our family and report our ministry in our home church. Please pray for us for a safe and fruitful trip.

## Family News

Florence and Ken have both turned 60 in October and November respectively. As we realize our eternal purpose of life, our call to the ministry becomes lifelong. We treasure each one of you who walk by our side.



*I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service.*

1 Timothy 1:12

Yours in Christ,

*Ken & Florence*

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