

### Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

This newsletter is the final issue of 2018. It should have come out last month at the close of 2018. However it is sent out this month at the start of 2019 for some special reason. First, let us greet you with the blessing of the New Year 2019 in a prayer:

*May God make all things new and lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that God turns our hearts to good desires and release our grip from bad temptations. We pray for faithfulness, wisdom and strength that make us strong and courageous that God will be honored. We pray that God keeps us from snares and traps so that we can stand firm. We pray for protection and provision for our families and friends, and that the Lord makes things anew lives blessed in this coming year. We ask for grace to cover us. May we be evident in the fruit of the Spirit. May we make a difference in this unsettled world manifested in hope and peace. May we understand our Lord's will, hear His voice, and know His way. To our God be the glory and praise in this New Year.  
Amen.*

### From Campus to Home

With the closing of academic calendar in Brisbane's universities, we saw some final campus activities like the last Catalyst, Farewell Party and Shindig Night as mentioned in our previous newsletter, we were heading home in Hong Kong for a monthlong (16 Nov-12 Dec) furlough after our Queensland Team Social.

### QLD State Team Social

With thanksgiving, missionaries of the Queensland Mission Team came together at 17 Miles Rock Park to celebrate the end of ministry season. As we congregated, we thanked for the providence of God



for guiding us as well as supplying our needs for His work. We also prayed for the cancer treatment of one of our minisionaries.



### Homebound Mission

This homecoming furlough turned out to be a special homebound mission. Not only have we met our extended families and friends, reported to our home church, caught up with our ministry supporters, we also visited the families of our students in their homes, and by God's grace, we led one parent to Christ.

### Celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Florence and Ken have both turned 60 by the end the year. We used this homecoming opportunity in Hong Kong to celebrate our birthdays after 25 years settling in Australia. Our



with our extended families, we expressed our gratitude and gave blessing.

son, Michael also came with us in this trip. During family gatherings



### Reporting to Churches



worshipped at Epworth Village Methodist Church where we grew up; we participated in

Beside the support from local churches in Australia, we are grateful to receive support from The Methodist Church in Hong Kong where we were nurtured and baptized. During this visit,



We presented our ministry to the church council.

prayer meeting and we were also invited to join the council meeting at Shatin Methodist Church.

### Visiting Campus Crusade for Christ

We were so excited to visit other Campus Crusade for Christ campuses in Hong Kong and to meet some ministry colleagues there. With guidance of Lowe, we joined the prayer meeting of HKCCC at HKU. In sharing campus ministry, we were



overjoyed to see Tom Jarrett, our UQ MB who is in exchange study at HKU. Another day in seeing our ministry supporter at HK PolyU where Ken graduated, we ventured into the campus and found the PolyU CCC.



## Thanking our Ministry Partners



This trip gave us an opportunity to thank our Hong Kong ministry partners in person. We thank them for their continual support in our ministry and we treasure everyone of them. We thank them for making a

difference on us in many ways. Their prayers, giving and interest have encouraged us to evangelize and disciple among many of the needy students in our daily encounters on campuses and even in their homes.

## Seeing our Students

This trip also gave us an opportunity to see our past students who have returned home. We rejoice for their lives ahead: some are working and baptized; some are engaged and planning their future, some are married and



have their family; some have children and are nurturing their young. Whilst we continue to reach those who have returned in despair and need help.



## Ministering the Families

It is joyful to meet some families of our students. Tik graduated from Griffith University. He returned home and got married. We had dinner with his parents,



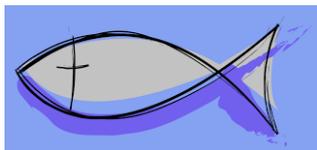
Ricky and Winnie. After dinner, we were invited to have tea in their home where we engaged a spiritual conversation arising from Ricky's health issue. Through



*The Four Spiritual Law*, Ricky accepted Jesus Christ.

## Responding to Call

The homecoming furlough became a homebound mission with the sense that we have been called to new ministry area, from campus to home, from students to their families, from Australia to the nations. God has even taken us



further. Two families in East Asia with students under our pastoral care, knowing our presence in Hong Kong, asked us to visit them. After prayer and due consideration, we responded and went.

## **Christmas and New Year**

The late sending of this newsletter is for the reason that we wish to write to you how we are going during this festive season. After return to Australia, we reconnected students who stayed in Brisbane. Rosalind and Sabrina graduated from their postgraduate studies. While Sabrina



is seeking a doctorate research, Rosalind will return to China with Stephen. In a Christmas worship, we came to know Kylie who works

in UQ's medical research institute at QIMR. She has a heart to help international students. We invited Kylie and a group of UQ doctorate researchers to our home for lunch. In a New Year prayer meeting, we came to know Kelvin who studies in a PhD program at Griffith University. He also has a passion to reach out international students on campus.



## **Family News**

Finally Florence and Ken could take a short break on New Year's Day. We went up Maleny for a personal



retreat. Our newsletters this year sum up our reflection. In a new and renewed start, we saw campus ministry breaking new ground in the stories of God's glory into the harvest of sowing and reaping from campus to home.

## **Praise & Prayer**

- Praise the Lord that Ricky, Tik's father received Christ. Pray for him to grow in faith and for blessings to the whole family in health and spirit.
- For May, Sabrina, Rosalind and Stephen who graduated returning home that they will continue to grow in faith and find the right church.
- Praise God that Sam has settled in HK. In his secular workplace he has received many questions about Christianity. Pray for Sam able to build a spiritual movement there.
- Thanks for the quality time spent with our siblings in HK. Pray that our sharing of the Gospel will work their heart. We are grateful for the continual support from the churches and our ministry partners.

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.*

Ephesians 3:20

Yours in Christ,

*Ken & Florence*

**Kenneth and Florence Chan**