

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

We are grateful to greet you again in this year's second newsletter which is coincident with the Easter season.



Post-Easter reflection always reminds us of the "Pathway to Spiritual Maturity" as illustrated in Acts, a historical record of how Christians should believe and practice.

Bible passage in Acts 1:8 says:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

And Acts 2:42 shapes the Christian discipleship:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

Shepherding Toward Spiritual Maturity



As we have entered the midterm of the first semester, we see the spiritual maturity of our students. While the number of students coming to Christ is still adding, there are more than 10 students who made conscientious decision to be baptized in this period.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), a German pastor, theologian, and key founding member of the Confessing Church. His writings on Christianity's role in the secular world have become widely influential, and his book *The Cost of Discipleship* says this: *"Christianity without the living Christ is inevitably Christianity without discipleship, and Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."*



Some students whom we disciple previously have stepped up to take the lead to disciple newer students. We also see other students apply biblical principles



in their lives. We are grateful with you in this newsletter.



in their Christian living by keeping their purity as well as dealing with problems and challenges

The Assurance of Salvation Acts 3:19

Students may be unsure of their salvation and allow doubt to creep in their mind thinking they aren't good enough to receive God's forgiveness. Alberto from Indonesia is of Catholic background. From young he was christened. Ken has engaged spiritual conversations with him at times. Alberto knows the attributes of God and the works of Christ but didn't feel confident enough he would be securely saved because of feeling not meeting God's standard. In Breakthrough camp, Ken helped Alberto to understand the faith and trust in Christ as the assurance of salvation and prayed for him.



Standing Firm in Faith Acts 26:16

Kayla, a student from Hong Kong said this: "I met Florence the first month in Australia. She has brought me through Bible study, Breakthrough, Catalyst, and prayer retreat. These all help build me up spiritually. The Bible study has made me clearer about God's love, what I believe and what God wants me to do. New university life in Australia brings a lot of uncertainty to me. Yet I have learnt to fully rely on God. God holds all the plans and He never fails me. Keeping the reliance improves my relationship with God and I can stand firm in Christ."



The Practice of Discipleship Acts 11:21

Leslie from Ecuador, a student in final year of Biotechnology at UQ testified this: "I grew up so much in my faith by being involved with Power to Change (PTC) in Australia. Last year, I met Lucy, a girl from Taiwan. She was a non-believer but expressed interest in Christianity and God. I invited her for a discovery Bible study. Praise God that the following week in 'Bread of Life', a PTC meeting, Lucy accepted Jesus and became a Christian! We have been doing Bible studies for 7 months now, she has grown so much in her faith and she is even sharing the Gospel with her friends and students on campus. This semester, I started meeting Florence weekly, she has been an encourager to me and I really appreciate her guidance and prayers during my study time and personal ministry on campus in Brisbane."



Breakthrough Conference 2019

Outreach camp Breakthrough was convened from 5 to 7 of April at Currimundi Recreational Centre in Sunshine Coast. The theme of the camp was 'More to this Life'. Sam McGeown, the speaker went through the book of Acts to encourage us to be the witness of God. There



was a great sense of empowerment. Ken and Florence were also teaching. In the camp, 2 students from ISM confirmed their faith to follow Jesus.

Frontline and Core Missionary Training in Sydney

The training is purposefully designed to equip Power to Change campus missionaries in applying biblical knowledge, developing ministry skills, and growing Christian character. Ken traveled to Sydney from 8 to 12 of



April to attend the Sydney training block after finishing the Melbourne and Brisbane blocks in the previous years. The training in Sydney gave Ken the opportunity to visit Macquarie University and University of Sydney where Ken were able to meet the students and learn from the missionaries there.

The Ministry of Hospitality

During Easter break, we hosted a lunch and a supper at home. We invited a group of students for a lunch where we provided a home environment for them to relax. We were asked by a group of friends who want to minister to Japanese students. We convened a meeting and facilitated a supper for them.



The Celebration of Baptism

On Easter Sunday, we witnessed many baptisms on the day, 27 in 3 local churches. Among them, we were overjoyed to see 8 students from our International Student Ministry baptized. Each one of them testified their life transforming experience and made conscientious decision to follow Jesus Christ.



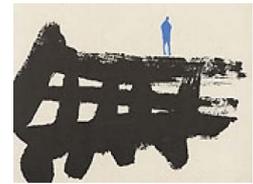
Pursue Godly Relationship

Our students have formed gender specific groups. While the boys started with a men's group, the girls established a lady's group. Initially they met with sporting and social activities and now they have entered into programs of questing for purity in relationship with biblical principals. Earlier in April, they came together in a prayer retreat. After that the boys and girls were separated to engage talk about purity presented by Daniel and Veronica respectively.



Family News

Florence and Ken attended an evangelistic revival meeting called "To the Unknown Evangelist" of China last month. The theme resonates our calling. Today, these unknown Chinese evangelists have so much to teach us. They provide a valuable example of faithfulness for us to learn.



Praise & Prayer

- Thank that Breakthrough Conference has empowered our spiritual pursuit, 2 students from ISM confirmed to follow Jesus. Praise that 4 students received Christ and 10 students were baptised during Easter period.
- Pray for Kayla can stand firm in Christ and improve relationship with God that she can be equipped as spiritual movement builder.
- Praise that Florence led Gloria to Christ on April 30; pray for her growth in faith. Remember seekers Sandy, Lucy F. and Cathy in their Bible study that God can open their heart to Christ.
- Pray for Florence facilitating 9 classes in 5 programs: mentoring Lesile to help new leader Lucy Lee; leading new movement builders Mona, Jane and Shamien; and coaching new missionary Jenna.
- Thankful for Florence's safe return from Korea after attending a returnee retreat conference where she shared and learnt how to help returnees to maintain Christian life in facing challenges from family, society and culture. Pray for Florence being appointed as coordinator for returnees in UQ ISM.
- Pray for Ken and Florence's wellness both bodily and spiritually, balanced in work and life, abundantly provisioned for our needs.

Praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.
Acts 2:47

Yours in Christ,

Ken & Florence

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