

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

In greeting you with our third newsletter, we have entered the midpoint of the year. A special movie "The Least of These" was screened in this period across Australia and around the world, based on the true story of the Staines family and their sacrifice in serving the lepers in India. Graham Staines was



an Australian, a Queenslander who graduated in BST (then QBI) where we also studied at. Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:19 says:

"Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible."

And Paul continues to say about the cost of discipleship: *"I do all this for the sake of the Gospel, that I may share in its blessings."* (1 Corinthians 9:23)

The Cost of Discipleship

Not everyone needs to be a martyr like the Staines family, nevertheless the cost of being a disciple of Jesus requires faith, dedication and God's calling to serve.



Earlier a group of friends of Ken met together at Catalyst fellowship, an International Student Ministry (ISM) at Unisversity of Queensland (UQ), exploring opportunity to serve student ministry.

They all have the call to serve beyond their professional life onto a vocational dedication upon which they are called. Ken was a telecom engineer, Gary was a church planter in Japan, Sam is a social worker in Australia, Edmond is a taxation consultant. Despite these differences of them, they have a common dedication to serve God in student ministry. Paul's letter to the Corinthians resonates their faith:

"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." (1 Corinthians 9:22b)

Hope in the Harvest

It has been an amazing semester from the beginning to the end. We have seen 20 students becoming Christians in our International Student Ministry and 11 friends and families members of their oikos following Jesus Christ. We also see our beloved Darren and Yun moving on to Church Movement Strategy after serving and leading International Student Ministry for more than 20 years.



From Harvest to Discipleship

New disciples are gathered into communities of faith and fellowship. As new disciples become disciple-makers, the harvest is multiplied: followers become leaders; leaders become mentors; small groups become faith communities. It has been in Ken's mission to cultivate Christ's hope in post-graduate, post-doctorate and faculty community on campus since he started his campus ministry. Ken is grateful to see some faithful disciple-makers in the areas he serves.

Followers become Leaders (James 4:10)

Josua is a humble person before the Lord, and he is lifted up as a competent researcher. Josua is a PhD student from Indonesia. Brought up in a Christian family, Josua spent years away from home for his academic study in Canada and Korea. Now he sojourns in Australia, given a research position at AIBN of UQ, researching on nanotechnology organic sensors. Josua finds fulfillment in Christian life and is willing to help others to share his experience.



Leaders become Mentors (Genesis 12:1)

Amenda sees the LORD calling her to go from her country (China), her people (academic fellows) and her household (family) to the land (Australia) where God reveals His faithfulness to guide her life. Amenda received Christ while studying at ANU in Canberra. She returned to UQ in Brisbane as an earth science researcher. Amenda has the heart to start a Researcher Christian Fellowship and is willing to help students who newly enter workforce.



Small Groups become Faith Communities (Rom 1:12)

Tanglaw never fails to inspire Ken that we are mutually encouraged by each other's faith. Tanglaw specialises in theoretical and computational research on nano materials. As a Filipino scientist, he lectures and researches among institutes for years in Japan and Germany, and now at UQ in Australia. Faith in Christ motivates him to promote opportunity for people of different belief systems to explore the meaning of Christianity. Tanglaw is also passionate in gathering academics of faith to be engaged in spiritual dialogue.



Returnee Retreat Conference in Korea

Florence traveled to Korea from 1 to 8 of May to attend a ministry learning program and a returnee conference for graduates who have returned to their home countries. These



returnees shared about their challenges to cope with social and cultural changes while the missionaries helped them to maintain their spiritual growth and Christian life.

Core Missionary Training in Melbourne

Ken traveled to Melbourne from 17 to 20 of June to attend his last core missionary training convened in Belgrave Height. As the final training, we are met by all national



leaders and briefed with the current national strategic plan. For Ken this training is a memorable reunion with the missionaries who started with him 2 years ago.

Queensland Mid Year Conference 2019

Mid-Year Conference (MYC) was convened in late June this year in Sunshine Coast. The theme of the conference was "Eternity". The keynote speaker was John North.



Students from Queensland universities came together for 6 days of learning, practical training and lots of fun with friends. John North helped us to focus our perspective to

eternity and to see how the reality of eternity impacts our lives today. We had an outreach day to the beaches of Sunshine Coast engaging people with gospel messages.



In our team, Sandra said approaching strangers on the street was never something she could do. But Florence showed her how to share the full gospel. Michael said he

experienced so much that God wants him to proclaim the Gospel and he desires to be a missionary in the future. Ken and Florence were also teaching in the ISM group.



Family News

When we watched the movie "The Least of These: the Graham Staines Story" in the BST preview screening on 13 May at Indooroopilly Cinemas, we were in such a sentimental moment to reflect the Staines



family's legacy of forgiveness, love, and hope. A week later, we attended the BST Alumni Dinner and saw Graham's 1965 graduation class framed photo hung on the wall of the dining hall. In the midst of this sentiment, Ken and Florence (class of 2012 & 2015) were surprised but pleased to catch up in the dinner with 3 Power to Change (CCCA) veterans: Tony O'Hagan and Noel & Tricia Newton (class of 1968 & 1972).

Praise & Prayer

- Thankful for Florence's safe return from Korea after attending a returnee conference where she learnt how to help returnees and follow them up when they return to home countries. Pray for Florence being appointed as coordinator for returnees in UQ ISM.
- Praise that Mid Year Conference has led many students feel love and care and their perspective on life is transformed.
- Pray for Florence's wisdom to coach MBs Shamien and Mona well. Pray for Kayla to consider becoming a spiritual movement builder (MB) in semester 2.
- Pray for new believer Gloria to connect to church. Remember seekers Sandy, Jessie, Lucy F. and Emily to come to faith.
- Pray for Ken's faculty ministry as some post-doc researchers at UQ are moving on. Prayer is for finding new leader.
- Pray for Ken and Florence's wellness both bodily and spiritually, balanced in work and life, abundantly provisioned for our daily needs.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Yours in Christ,

Ken & Florence

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