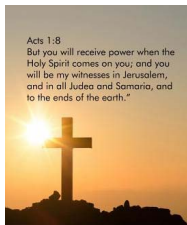


Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

Just as we have gone through the first quarter of 2021, Ken and Florence are grateful to report to you afresh of our ministry on university campus at the start of the year. When this newsletter is penned down, Easter has already passed on the calendar. Yet the spirit of Easter remains meaningful manifested by 40 days of Jesus' appearance to the people of that time, followed by His ascension. After 10 days of wait, the disciples have witnessed the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost which marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world: *"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."* (Act 1:8).



The LORD is Peace

Easter's hope of peace has never been so relevant in 2021 in the midst of the pandemic. One of God's names in the Bible is Yahweh-Shalom (Judges 6:24) which means the LORD is Peace, the Hebrew word for completeness and safety in life. It is our hope in the ministry: *"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through."* (1 Thess 5:23). It is our prayer for the students: *"Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen."* (Romans 15:33). For this the theme of this newsletter is "The LORD is Peace".

Preparing for 2021

The campus season of Queensland starts in mid February. We get prepared in advance for the new season.

Nexus, our Missionary Conference

Nexus is a biannual conference that brings together all national campus teams across Australia to share our ministry and encourage each other. Nexus this year was convened from 18 to 22 in January, physically separated by state and virtually connected via internet.



Beyond Brisbane Project 2021

Beyond Brisbane is our annual mission project where we train and guide participants to reach out other students in orientation week. This year it was held from 10 to 23 in February. We had 18 students and 10 missionaries in the team, practicing how to share our faith and present the Gospel on campus through natural conversation and hospitality.



Sharing from the Student Leaders

Beyond Brisbane is an International Student Ministry (ISM) discipleship and evangelistic project run at the start of university calendar. This year the program's theme is "Into His Present, Out into the World". Below are some of our student's testimonies.

From Estelle

"Beyond Brisbane was a great project that built on my experience of sharing the gospel. Beyond Brisbane allowed me to go out with prayer and your bible as your only "weapons". I enjoyed this aspect of going out to talk to people to genuinely learn more about them; about their ideas on religion, the world and their purpose in life. And then, it was a privilege when they would let me share my view of the world with them. The key aspect that really came back to me during that project was how love was central in everything we were doing. There was no point in talking to anyone if we weren't loving them first. That's a huge aspect that changed in my perspective of outreach."



From Levi

"Looking back at Beyond Brisbane, I do see much to learn: humility, courage and perseverance. First is about humility. I am a carefree person, but no one blames me. Everyone smiles and encourages each other, full of gratitude and enthusiasm to serve. I need to humble myself. Next is courage. An important part of Beyond Brisbane is outreach. I see my shortcoming in sharing faith with international students. I have realized that my fellowship friends sincerely and bravely express their love and care to students, hoping that they will be saved. Finally is about perseverance. I realize that I am weak in this area. During this mission, even if we encountered people rejecting the gospel, we did not give up, and actively expressed our concern. How precious this wonderful faith is! The essence of missions is God Himself works behind the scenes. Christ is the source of courage and strength. We work with God."



From Ethan

"Beyond Brisbane helps me refocus on the reason I share the Gospel. The conviction to share my faith spurs me on investing in my relationship with God and other's faiths, equipping me in communicating effectively with people of different cultures and languages. My next step is to continue to follow up and disciple others and invest in people's spiritual walk."



Commencing in 2021

As we enter into a new ministry season, there are 13 study weeks in the first semester at UQ. We are looking forward to laboring to “win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Phil 3:14b)

Movement Multiplier

After reviewing the work of student leaders (MB's) in 2020 and propose of necessary change for 2021, we have come up with the idea of the term Movement Multiplier (MM). The concept is to challenge MM's to pray and commit to: *Follow Jesus and grow in relationship with Him; *Be available and willing to disciple students; *Help lead Bible study; *Meet with other UQ ISM students for fellowship and community; *Help lead and coordinate other social events.



Catalyst and Houses of Peace (HoP)

While Catalyst is a campus-based fellowship meeting especially open to welcome new students, House of Peace is a home-based fellowship meeting aiming at smaller group with hospitality. This year ISM starts to run in a combined model: 1 Catalyst followed by 3 HoP. This is our hope that we can develop a deeper fellowship amount students.

Catalyst and House of Peace (HoP)	
NO REGRETS!	WK 1
What's important	WK 2
Why Am I Here?	WK 3
Am I Good Enough?	WK 4
THE BIG QUESTIONS	WK 5
Judgement	WK 6
Reconciliation	WK 7
Forgiveness	WK 8
REDEMPTION	WK 9
Sinners	WK 10
Control	WK 11
Thankfulness	WK 12
CELEBRATION!	WK 13

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry aims to prepare young men to live godly life and support each other through meeting, prayer and accountability. The male students are trained up with skills to be future leaders by a group of male missionaries: Larry, Joshua and Ken. We call this group Burrito Boys.



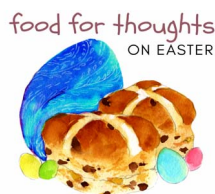
Breakthrough Conference 2021

Student camp Breakthrough was convened from 26 to 28 of March. The theme of the camp was 'Running Together on Mission'. Dan Paterson, the speaker went through the topics of God's heart for all nations. Ken and Florence were also teaching in the camp.



Easter Outreach Rescheduled

A 3-day outreach was scheduled in the week before Easter at UQ named “Food for Thoughts” to give away free hot cross buns to students in exchange for their thoughts on Easter. Then it was postponed due to a Covid-19 lockdown in Brisbane. It is now rescheduled to 13-15 April. Many of our Christian students will be involved.



Family News

Ken and Florence celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary on the 26th of January coincident with Australia Day while our son, Michael celebrated his 32nd birthday in January. Ken's elbow recovery is progressive and steady. We are taking a week break after Easter at home during which this newsletter is written. It is a good opportunity to refresh and be ready for the 2nd term of this semester. We wish this newsletter reaching you well with love and blessings, and that you are in our thoughts and we are in your prayers and continual interest in our journey.



Praise & Prayer

- Praise for the completion of Beyond Brisbane Project 2021 that i. Meeting many overseas students who are fresher or intermediate; ii. 85 people with 31 new friends turning up on International Friendship Night; iii. The first Catalyst meeting having 37 students with 12 of whom being non-Christians; iv. A subsequent social event organized for a beach trip on Bribie Island with overwhelming participation. Pray for the Kairos of occasions like these for sharing the gospel, discussions of faith and invitations to Bible studies.
- Pray for the Movement Multipliers who are willing to become disciple-makers, be equipped, lead groups and share the gospel. They meet fortnightly alternating between Thursday noontime on campus for lunch and Wednesday evening at home for dinner. Pray that more students will participate.
- While Florence disciple Levi, Belle, Della, Vivian and mentors some returnees, Ken disciples Allan, Owen and pastoral cares some others. Pray that Levi is willing to be a faithful disciple-maker, and Alan is enthusiastic to learn and participate in ministry.
- Pray for the Men's Ministry, Burrito Boys that Larry, Joshua and Ken developing this year has good response from male students to participate.
- Pray for the post-Easter outreach on UQ campus, “Food for Thoughts” rescheduled on 13-15 April that meaningful conversations are initiated with students.
- At the beginning of this new semester, may God keep Ken and Florence in good health, and lessen Ken's pain which is stretching from his right shoulder to his right elbow, so that he can sleep well.

May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Jude 1:2

Yours in Christ,

Ken & Florence

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