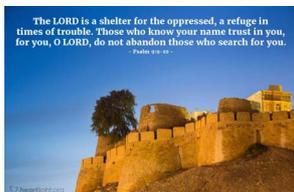
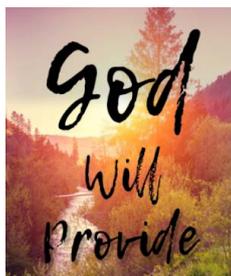


### Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

The Jul-Sep quarter of 2021 traversed the time from the start of semester 2 to the end of term 3 of Queensland's university curriculum. This quarter of the year also went through the winter in Australia. While Brisbane has just settled from several recent COVID outbreaks, our heart goes to our neighboring states of New South Wales where a series of serious COVID outbreaks are ravaging. Many of our co-workers and students are enduring hardship there. Therefore, Ken and Florence would like to commence this newsletter with a prayer of peace: *"The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you."* (Psalm 9:9-10).



### The LORD will Provide



In realizing the LORD is our refuge and stronghold during hardship, the provision of God is fulfilled beyond the sight of human as described in Genesis 22:14a: *"So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide."* Yahweh-Yireh was called by Abraham to attribute God's provisions with profound unquestioning obedience, unceasing submission and unwavering faith. So we write this newsletter with the theme 'The LORD will provide' for people's spiritual, emotional and physical needs: *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* (Philippian 4:6-7).

### Beyond the Campus

For years of campus ministry in evangelizing and discipleship, we have come across different facets of life of students in their studies, relationships and daily necessities. While we are mindful of setting up a sensible boundary in our ministry, there are many special situations where we may journey with them beyond the campus. Some poignant occasions in our experience are weddings and funerals. When these moments are over, there is a great sense of déjà vu that pastoral care is what can take us beyond the campus.



### Wedding and Funeral

In this quarter, we have the joy to see a wedding and the sadness to attend a funeral among our international student community.

#### A Blessed Wedding

We are incredibly honored to attend Emma and Dante's wedding on the 18th Sep 2021. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness. In this wonderful and blessed journey, as they build lives together, may the years ahead be filled with lasting joy, may the love they share grow stronger each day, may their marriage be strong as their faith, may God bless them.



#### A Dignified Funeral

It is Ken's deepest sympathy for the passing of the beloved and respected father of Henry. Ken was saddened for Henry's loss of both parents within a year. While we are making sense of the unfathomable responsibility of Henry for his remaining family, we prayerfully wish Henry and his siblings go strong. May God hold them through their life journey each day.



### To Care and Being Cared

We minister to students with pastoral care in nurturing their spiritual life, and turn everyday caring interactions into evangelism and discipleship opportunities.

#### Caring for Students

Ali came to Ken's midst in a Bible study organized by a local missionary. In studying what the Bible says about loss and found in life (Luke 15), Ali has a deeper question about the purpose of life relating to his personal circumstances. From that day, Ken is meeting Ali regularly for exploring his quest.



#### Being Cared by Mentors

Ken and Florence are grateful to have Jim and Joy as our mentors. They are very mature Christians who help us greatly with guiding principles in ministry as well as personal life. While we care for others, we are also aware of our need for pastoral care. Jim and Joy are our indispensable counselors.



## News from Students

In August this year, Florence has entered her 6th year in campus ministry. She is grateful for the life change and spiritual growth of students.

### Claire Received Christ

After Claire has attended Bible study with Florence for some time, on the 9th of September, Claire decided to follow Jesus as her saviour. Florence continues to disciple Claire for spiritual growth.



### Della Returned Home

Della returned to Samoa. Florence continues to disciple her online. Della shares : *“We meet once a week to discuss the book of Daniel via Facebook Messenger. Through sessions, my faith is strengthened. The book of Daniel has taught me that our Lord is the Lord of promises. I must first humble myself and acknowledge Him.”*



### Rashmi and Vicky

Rashmi is working in Sydney. The COVID lockdown has been enforced for 3 month. When she read Psalm 93:4, “The LORD on high is mighty.”, she recalled the Bible study with Florence about God’s care during our hardship.



Vicky asked Florence to pray for her grandmother who had been in coma for a few days. Florence prayed earnestly to God to sustain Vicky’s grandmother that Vicky can have the opportunity to lead her to the Lord. Thank the Lord! She is awake. Vicky looks forward to share the Gospel with her grandmother when the hospital is open.



## Discipleship of Students

Due to the epidemic, students on campus have decreased. We are thinking about the new direction for discipleship.

### Discipleship for Female Students

This semester Catalyst has no new female student. God opened the way. We were invited to the JUST fellowship to share. Thank God! Jasmine responded and asked Florence to disciple her.



### Discipleship for Male Students

Ken is coaching Allan to disciple Edwin. Allan is a Christian while Edwin is a seeker. They are good friends. Ken is modeling Allan to become a disciple maker to help Edwin to be a step closer to Jesus.



## Family News

COVID-19 vaccination seems to dominate the daily news headlines. Australia has adopted national roll-out strategy for COVID-19 vaccine. Because our work requires contact with many people, it is important that we need to be fully vaccinated. Ken and Florence have taken part in different vaccination programs due to different body’s reactions to vaccine. While Ken received Pfizer vaccine in public hospital, Florence received AstraZeneca at doctor’s clinic. The ‘Check In Qld’ app is now mandatory for many types of amenities and means of transports. Even in Power to Change programs, we are required to set up check-in formality for our activities participated by students and co-workers.



## Praise & Prayer

- Praise that Claire has received Jesus Christ. Pray for Claire as a new believer to continue to grow in faith everyday. Also pray for Della to get a new job.
- Thankful that Vicky’s grandmother has recovered consciousness. Pray for her salvation in the Lord. Also pray for Vicky can visit her grandmother to share the Gospel when the hospital is open.
- Ken and Florence have been meeting with 12 non-believers for Bible study. Pray for the work of the Holy Spirit that these seekers can soon follow the Lord.
- Pray for Florence and her co-worker Genevieve planning for the Power to Change Queensland missionary prayer day on the 22nd of October. Pray for the smooth running of the day. Also pray for the worship team and child minding for the day.
- Pray for Ken and co-worker Josh Wong planning for Beyond Brisbane 2022, a two-week short-term mission training on campus. The deadline for application is 6 Nov 2021.
- Pray for the continual recovery and ongoing protection from COVID-19 in Australia and over the world.

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

Yours in Christ,

*Ken & Florence*

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