

### Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

As Ken and Florence are working frontline, while we preach the good news of Jesus, we also face the challenge of spiritual warfare. In fighting the good fight for God, we praise the LORD that we can speak of the glorious splendor of His majesty on His wonderful works. (Psalm 145:5) We are thankful for God's faithfulness and for bearing His fruit in the harvest on campus. While we labor in sowing the seeds and we rejoice in reaping the harvest. We thank you for your partnership with us as a team to fulfill the Great Commission, together give Him the glory!

### Spiritual Home for International Students

International student ministry can foster a spiritual home for international students who study away from their homes. During the winter break (mid June), we celebrated with our students after their exams. We arranged outdoor activities twice, and invited them to our home for watching movie and having hotpot. Also, we helped our students to move house and picked up from airport in a practical way. These make them feel home.



In this semester we dealt with some of their personal emotions, interpersonal conflicts, social anxiety, study stresses and struggles in faith. So we provided guiding principles in the Bible in helping them to find answers to their questions about their faith in Jesus Christ.

### NSW/QLD Combined MYC

The combined MYC was convened on 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July with the theme "I Am" the Character of God. We are grateful to have Richard Gibson as our keynote speaker and over 120



participants. There were many highlights as reflected by our students from main sessions to group discussions; from trainings to devotions; from outreach to vision night.

### Levi's Reflection

Levi was deeply moved on vision night by Peter Brook's sharing about the misery Japanese brought to the world in World War II where they



became enemies. However, Peter's parents knew that even enemies needed Jesus and they were willing to serve in Japan as missionaries. Levi reflected that although she is uncertain of her future, she believes whatever she chooses to serve in the marketplace or the harvest field. God will use her for His kingdom.

### Clarrisa's Reflection

Through vision night, Clarrisa could step out her faith after the conference. In the outreach the next day, she could share the faith to the strangers off campus. She desires to bring more people to His kingdom and helps young people revitalize their faith at church.



### Discussion Dinner

A discussion dinner was organized by Yasmin and our students leaders on 26<sup>th</sup> August. Florence invited Jane, Nomunnaa and Celia to come. It was great night for 16 Christians and 12 non-Christians coming to enjoy food and share their life and faith using Gem cards. Praise God! 8 seekers responded that they would join Catalyst meeting, Christianity Explained and outreach. Florence is thankful that Jane from Taiwan whom Florence met during outreach came to the dinner. Florence would catch up with Jane again.



### Stories of God's Glory – Sow and Reap in Harvest

God prepares people for us. We labor in sowing the seeds and reaping the harvest at His time. In September, Ken and Florence have led 6 students (Louise, Karen, Jeffrey, Nomunnaa, Jade, Celine) to Christ.

### Nomunnaa's Story

Florence was connected with international student Nomunnaa from Mongolia through CCC staff. Ken and Florence offered to pick Nomunnaa up from airport and helped her settle in Brisbane. Nomunnaa asked Florence to help her spiritual journey and she has joined Exploring Christianity with Florence for a month. At a Sunday service on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, Nomunnaa was moved by a powerful sermon. When Florence asked her, "Do you believe Jesus as your saviour?" She said, "yes." Nomunnaa came to Christ after a prayer of confession. She thanked Florence to bring light to her life.



### Louise and Cleo's Story

Louise and Cleo have come to Exploring Christianity class for 2 months. Louise was so called Christian. She had biblical knowledge but she did not believe God's promise of eternal life. Florence spent much time with Louise to explain Christianity by reading the Bible. Finally she repented and the Holy Spirit led her to Christ. Florence sees her life transformed and has a heart for mission now. Pray for Louise to be equipped and that God will use her to disciple her own people in her country. Cleo is a seeker who has a hunger for God's word. Pray for Cleo to follow Jesus one day.



### Jeffrey's Story



Jeffrey has come Catalyst meeting regularly for 7 months. Ken and Florence had an opportunity to share the Gospel with KGP to him. Finally he expressed a desire to accept Jesus this month. Praise God!

### Karen's Story



Karen came to us through Florence's friend. She struggled with her future. However, she was eager to have Bible study with Florence. Finally God opened her heart to accept Jesus. After a week, Karen told Florence she has an offer to study here next year. Praise God!

### Jade's Story



At a Sunday service on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, church friend introduced Jade to Florence for home group. Florence realized that Jade was a non-Christian. Florence started gospel conversation and went through KGP with her. Jade was happy to accept Jesus with a prayer of confession. How amazing is God's work!

### **Discipleship Ministry**

Florence discipled Crystal and has Bible study with her each week. Florence coaches Crystal with skills in ministry. Now Crystal is leading a group of 8 students in Bible study each week and they grow in faith. Pray God to raise up more leaders who will disciple others in discipleship.



### **English Class Ministry**

Florence has been attending a UQ English Class for a month where students from different countries come. She connected with a Vietnamese lady Anh and had a gospel conversation.



Anh is interested in reading Vietnamese version Bible. Pastor Vindo of our church gave Florence a web link for Vietnamese version Bible to give it to Anh. Anh is reading this Bible version now. Florence also connected with an Indonesia lady Oliva who is interested to come to Bible study with Florence. Pray that Florence can sow the seeds of Jesus with these students.

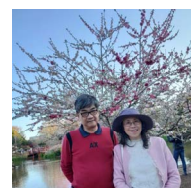
### **The Tales on a Bus**

On a bus, Florence met Celine who recognized Florence from Catalyst meeting. They reconnected again in a coffee session. Celine was a seeker and is eager to explore Christianity with Florence. They have arranged for a Bible study on 27<sup>th</sup> September. It is a meeting in God's plan. Celine accepted Jesus as her personal savior on this date.



### **Personal News**

Ken and Florence visited Toowoomba to attend the Flower Festival with our ministry partner in September. Florence's birthday will be on 8<sup>th</sup> October and Ken's birthday will be on 18<sup>th</sup> November.



### **Praise & Prayer**

1. Thanks God for Levi and Clarrisa's MYC reflections.
2. Praise God! Ken and Florence have guided Numuunaa, Louise, Karen, Jeffrey, Jade, and Celine to Christ. Pray for their continuous growth in faith.
3. Praise for Crystal to lead 8 students in her group to build up their faith. Pray for the potential leaders to develop multiplying disciple-makers.
4. Pray for seekers Cleo, Celia and Jane will continue to discover the grace and promise in Jesus.
5. Pray God to use Florence who has connected Anh, Oliva and other students at UQ English Class for sowing the seeds of the Gospel to them.
6. Pray for Ken's application for a chaplain role with Student Services representing Power to Change at UQ.
7. Pray for 45 students joining Schoolies of Summer Mission from 19<sup>th</sup> Nov to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec for their support raising.
8. Pray for more students to register Summer Mission's Beyond Brisbane 2023 from 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Deadline is on 1<sup>st</sup> November.
9. Pray for our good health as we enter into semester 2.

*How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!*

Rom 10:15b

Yours in Christ,

*Ken & Florence*

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