

President's Report 2019-2020

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COVID-19 so far has infected more than 41 million people worldwide, killed over 1.1 million people, caused unprecedented global recession and massive unemployment, and so affected the life of every individual and every family everywhere in the world, with no sign that this natural calamity might come to pass soon. Millions are now living in constant fear, uncertainty, insecurity, desperation, depression, without faith and hope. And even Christians are not exempted from all the challenges to life and faith which this pandemic brings.

But here at FLC, we are thankful to our Lord God and Saviour, for not only is our team (Advisory Committee, Management Committee, staff, and volunteers) safe and sound. We are also encouraged and thankful that through our online counselling services, and many other similar services provided by other ministries, God has continued to bestow His comfort and blessings, and to bring light, hope, faith and love, to those who are in “dark places” emotionally.

One thing for sure though, without God's mercy, none of us would even be alive, let alone be able to read this report at this very moment. Everyone in Australia should really count ourselves as blessed, for our statistics fare far better than most of the rest of the world. This gives us more reasons to remember our family members, relatives, friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ abroad, who might be struggling. Sending them a text, audio or video message, or even better, chatting with them through one of the many online video conferencing services is some little thing that we can all do.

Thanksgiving

“...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thess. 5:18)

While many of us are hoping for a vaccine or an effective treatment for COVID-19 to come sooner, God reminds us that

thanksgiving is the best antidote to relieve our worries, fear, pain and suffering “in all circumstances”.

So I thank the Advisory Committee, the Management Committee, staff, volunteers, and everyone who has been supporting the FLC ministry in the past year through prayers, donations or voluntary work. I also thank Rev. K.C. Hung for his insightful and creative contribution to the Management Committee.

In particular, we thank our Lord for the receipt of a generous sum of donation, and for the Federal Government's JobKeeper Allowance. After prayers and deliberations, the Management Committee unanimously agreed to use this fund for the purchase of a suitable premises so as to ease future rental burden and to provide our ministry with ongoing stability. Please continue to pray for a suitable property.

Ministry Update

This year, we have served a total of 268 counselling clients and our PRM has served a total of 46 pastors, missionaries, theological students, and their spouses. Our partnership with the Chinese Theological College Australia in providing personality tests to interested students also continues this year.

Looking Ahead

We humbly pray for:

1. a world-wide spiritual awakening amid this COVID-19 pandemic;
2. more Spirit-empowered online counselling and educational sessions for those in need;
3. more retired and gifted pastors to join our PRM;
4. a suitable premises as our office and counselling rooms, and
5. the continued provision of operational expenses, volunteers and prayer warriors.