

Kennedy Family

SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

June 1, 2020

PRESSING ON

As the US is reopening from the Covid-19 closures, the government is slowly beginning to reopen things in and around the country of Singapore. Beginning June 2 we will move into Phase 1 of reopening. This will allow our family to go outside to exercise together but not much else. Most things will remain closed or limited. Phase 2 is expected to begin sometime in June, but those dates are dependent on viral spread. Even if Phase 2 were to begin before we leave, our family is too big to do most things together (like eat in a restaurant at one table). Then, over the course of a month or two or more, the government here plans to move into Phase 3 which will include more openings and reopenings and something closer to normal.

Phase 1 does not allow for the reopening of Four Seas to in-person instruction, so classes will continue online for the next few weeks (and maybe longer). Online teaching is much better than nothing, but it presents a number of challenges for teachers and students alike. Most of our students are English language learners whose primary language(s) are not English. While this is wonderful for the spread of the gospel, it does require extra time, effort, and patience (from student and teacher) to make sure that we all understand each other clearly. Communicating the gospel to others who will teach their own countrymen (2 Timothy 2:2) is an endeavor worth the time, energy, and effort.

The month of May has afforded Lisa and I both opportunities to teach in the local church, but these classes have also been online. I shared the Acts class with capable teachers via Zoom; Lisa taught the children weekly with video recordings that were distributed through the Junior Bible School of the Jurong congregation. The local church continues to work together in this difficult time. Please keep brother Eddy Ee in your prayers. Eddy is a local elder, minister, faculty member, and Dean of Students at Four Seas College. He was diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing various tests with treatments on the horizon.



During a local holiday (Hari Raya Puasa), the children had an online Holiday Bible School through Zoom organized by the teachers and leaders of the Junior Bible School. It was quite chaotic as the children were each in a different class, and I taught FSC in the other room. Lisa was able to get them all situated and mostly focused. Of course, our children thoroughly enjoyed it! Troy led a song and did a good job in a difficult environment.

The children have handled the Circuit Breaker Period (stay-at-home) fairly well even though they've only been able to go down stairs to deposit recycling or check the mail. They are very ready to get out of the apartment and RUN once again. Lisa and the kids have just finished the school year (homeschool) and are looking forward to the summer break.

Lord willing, we will be traveling from Singapore on June 12 and returning in early August. Please keep our family in your prayers. We will most of the time in Texas and hope to visit with some supporting congregations and individuals. We appreciate each and every one of you so much!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: NOVE AGUILAR

Nove is a second year student, great leader, fine Christian, and generally good person. He is from Bontoc, Southern Leyte in the Philippines but his home congregation is Malate church of Christ in Manilla. When he graduates, Nove plans to return to his hometown as the local preacher and evangelist. Because he knew he wanted to preach and teach, Nove came to Four Seas to be better equipped to fulfill the Great Commission. He credits FSC with giving him knowledge, understanding, discipline, and exposure to various people from all over the world.



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