

Kennedy Family

SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

July 31, 2020

FIRST FURLOUGH

On the road again! The month of July has been a busy one of travel across the state of Texas to visit with family and friends and supporting congregations. We were blessed to share the hospitality of brethren from north Texas to south Texas and most places in between. The month started with me preaching in Rosenberg, TX where our good friend Andy Baker labors with the church that meets on Graeber Road. The July 4th holiday took us to see my family and spend some time with them. I also preached for University congregation in San Marcos where it was so good to see our friends and family there. During our time in central Texas, we were able to get the kids their yearly check ups with our pediatrician who has watched our family grow from one in the womb to our 4 big kids today.

While we were in the San Marcos area, Joe and Betty O'Banon graciously hosted a reception of past students of the McCarty Student Center. While many were unable to attend because of Covid restrictions and precaution, it was wonderful to see the 20-30 who were able to make it. We caught up, relived many good memories, and enjoyed fellowship together. Our visit to central Texas ended with attending the Southwest School of Bible Studies graduation ceremony. Many of their scheduled events were changed or cancelled, but each of the students was able to receive their recognition of the hard work they put in over the past two years. This was the class that I was blessed to teach during their first year before we moved to Singapore last summer.

The remainder of the month has allowed us the opportunity to enjoy more hospitality from good brethren as we were able to go fishing and hiking with various friends. Our family helped with some camp cleanup and destruction at the Peach Valley Camp. We had planned to spend the week at camp, but the session was cancelled. So, we helped with various projects and sang and visited for a few days instead. Finally, I spoke on a Wednesday night for the North Main church of Christ in Weatherford, TX. Lord willing, I will be doing a full report for them this coming Sunday.

I finished teaching my English course in Singapore this month. The online teaching is not ideal (nor are the hours in the middle of the night!), so I am looking forward to being back in the classroom soon.



Much of the past few weeks have been spent in constant communication in preparation for our upcoming return trip to Singapore at the end of next week. I have been in contact with brethren in Singapore who are arranging our arrival with the government authorities. We will have to quarantine in a hotel room for a minimum of 14 days when we arrive. They are very strict and serious about their requirements. One of our biggest challenges has been with the airline: when we book a flight, the schedule usually changes within a week or two. So far, we have had our two flights back to Singapore cancelled. Lisa spent nearly two hours on the phone until we think we finally have a secured flight leaving Dallas-Ft. Worth on August 8 and arriving in Singapore August 10. Please keep our travels and upcoming quarantine in your prayers.



What are we buying? Many people have asked what we will be taking back to Singapore. Here are the main things we have bought and will be shopping for:

Homeschool curriculum: With Annie starting kindergarten this year, all four kids will be in school. Some items that we use for our curriculum can be shipped to Singapore, but the shipping cost is quite expensive. So, it is much better for us to bring it back with us.

Spices and sauces: Although Singapore has a wonderful variety of grocery goods, we miss our favorite spices and sauces from Texas, especially Mexican seasonings, BBQ sauce, Whataburger ketchup, and squeezable grape jelly.

Clothes: While we have all gotten some new clothes and shoes during our time here in the states, it was particularly important for me to purchase some clothes because my size can be difficult to find in Singapore.

Bibles: We were excited to purchase the new Defending the Faith Study Bible from Apologetics Press which will be a great resource in apologetics, the inspiration of the Bible, and alleged Bible contradictions. Additionally, I found a KJV - Revised Version interlinear. Most of our students use KJV, and I usually teach out of the ASV 1901. This resource should help classroom teaching.

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2ND HALF OF 2ND TERM (JUNE 10, 2020-JULY 31, 2020)

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