

# SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

January 2, 2021

## CLOSING THE DOOR ON 2020

The month of December in reality was much different than we had initially planned; in that way, it resembled all of 2020. While we wanted to be in Texas and the US to see family, friends, and supporters, the Covid-19 situation in Singapore simply did not and does not allow that. Beyond just not being able to travel far, we were not even able to get across the border to help with the camp in Malaysia like last year as even the local borders are closed. In all of these changes and cancellations, we have found plenty of work in December locally. As the month and year comes to a conclusion, we want to extend a final 2020 thank you to all of you who have supported, encouraged, sent care packages, mailed Christmas cards, and more. We thank you and we thank God for you all!

## FOUR SEAS BIBLE COLLEGE

Since the borders are closed, none of the students could leave during this time to visit their home or to work on internships. Instead, they attended classes in personal development each day Monday - Thursday with occasional Saturday classes. During the morning they had different instructors each day with different topics to help them become better Christians, Bible students, ministers, missionaries, and people. I taught classes over Greek, mission reports, and writing research papers. Lisa taught the Ladies class over modesty and personal conduct becoming Christian women. We had local instructors from Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, and Philippines. We also had few instructors who taught the courses from the USA. We are so grateful for the technology that made this available and the willingness of brethren to teach these classes over personal development. Each afternoon the students had an English class followed by World Video Bible School videos and corresponding assignments. I coordinated the afternoon sessions.

On Fridays the students were able to get off campus for various outings. They were supported by local brethren for these outings which was quite a blessing. On almost each outing, our family had the opportunity to accompany them and provide any assistance needed. Unfortunately, we could not mingle between groups as the maximum group size was 5 people (that has now been changed to 8 people).

In less than a week we will begin the new school year. I will be teaching Old Testament Survey, Job-Song of Solomon, and English Grammar I during the 1st half of the 1st term. We will have 11 second year students, 2 first year students (both local Singaporeans because of border/Covid issues), and 1 wrap around student. If the Covid restrictions loosen and travel becomes easier, we look forward to students from India, Philippines, and Laos who have already been admitted for this school year. We solicit your prayers that these individuals who long to study and teach God's word will be able to come to Singapore and study at Four Seas.

<b>FOUR SEAS COLLEGE OF BIBLE &amp; MISSIONS</b> <b>PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE</b> <b>Nov. 30 - Dec. 28, 2020</b> <b>(revised as of Dec. 7, 2020)</b>						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7	8	9	10	11	12
Coordinator for the week (morning sessions): Jason Cruz	Personal Grooming Men & Ladies (Diamante/Lisa K.) 0900-1200  English: 1300-1400 WVBS: O.T. Simplified (1) 1400-1500	Time Management (Jamie Long) 0900-1200  English: 1300-1400 WVBS: O.T. Simplified (2) 1400-1500	Marriage & Family (2) (Glen Tattersall) 0900-1200  English: 1300-1400 WVBS: Inter-testament Intro 1 1400-1500	An Introduction to N.T. Greek (Trent Kennedy) 0900-1200  English: 1300-1400 WVBS: Inter-testament Intro 2 1400-1500	Botanic Garden (0900-1400) (11 in total)	
	14	15	16	17	18	19
Coordinator for the week (morning sessions):	Critical Thinking (Stan Stockton) 0900-1200  English: 1300-1400 WVBS: Inter-testament Intro 1 1400-1500	Time Management (Jamie Long) 0900-1200  English: 1300-1400 WVBS: Inter-testament Intro 2 1400-1500	Effective Announcement (1) (Peter Chin) 0900-1200  English: 1300-1400 WVBS: Inter-testament Intro 1 1400-1500	Leadership in Action (Andy Ling) 0900-1200  English: 1300-1400 WVBS: Inter-testament Intro 2 1400-1500	River Safari & Zoo (1000-1400) (6 in total)	Inter-personal Communication (Willy Ling) 0900-1200

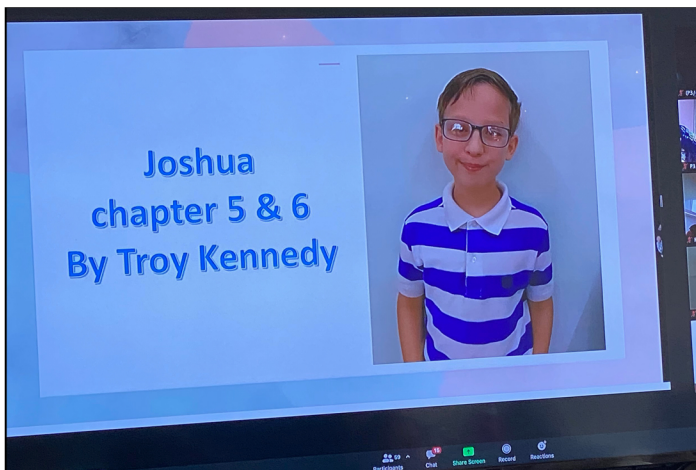
# JURONG CHURCH OF CHRIST

During the month of December I was able to continue to have a spot in the preaching rotation. It is a blessing that the elders have trusted me to preach monthly over the past few months. The other men in the rotation study and prepare themselves, and it is a blessing each week. On Wednesday nights the local minister, Chan Yong Yaw has been teaching all of the men of the congregation "how to preach". This has been a great series by a great teacher, and the men of the congregation take the opportunity to preach very seriously. On Sundays I have continued to be a part of the teaching rotation of the book of Acts. Our same group of teachers will continue to teach in 2021. The second half of Acts will be our content. We will teach 1/3 of the congregation for one trimester each. So, we will teach our lessons three times to three different groups. This has been a great way to get to know the other teachers and all the members here at Jurong.

The children joined in via Zoom for the Jurong Bible School (JBS) graduation ceremony. Each of the classes and students were featured. The teachers (Lisa is a Wednesday night teacher in JBS) all work very diligently to prepare and teach each week. They are a continual blessing to our family.

Because of some of the restrictions on gatherings, we have been able to have a few people from the congregation and other congregations in Singapore over to our house this month. A maximum of 5 (now 8) can visit which made us visiting other people and places very difficult because we are a family of 6.

As the door closes on 2020, we know that the door opens on 2021. If you have studied the concept of an "open door" in the New Testament, you know that it is most often used with the opportunities of evangelism. We look forward to "open doors" in 2021 and hope you will too!



## CURRENT COURSEWORK AT FOUR SEAS COLLEGE

[WWW.FOURSEAS.EDU.SG](http://WWW.FOURSEAS.EDU.SG)

**1ST HALF OF 1ST TERM (JANUARY 4, 2021-APRIL 16, 2021)**

### FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

BIBLE GEOGRAPHY  
OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY  
LIFE OF CHRIST I (MATTHEW/MARK)  
ENGLISH GRAMMAR I

### SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

CHURCH HISTORY  
PREACHER & HIS WORK IV  
JOB-SONG OF SOLOMON  
NEW TESTAMENT GREEK I

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