

SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

April 2, 2021

MARCH WITHOUT THE MADNESS

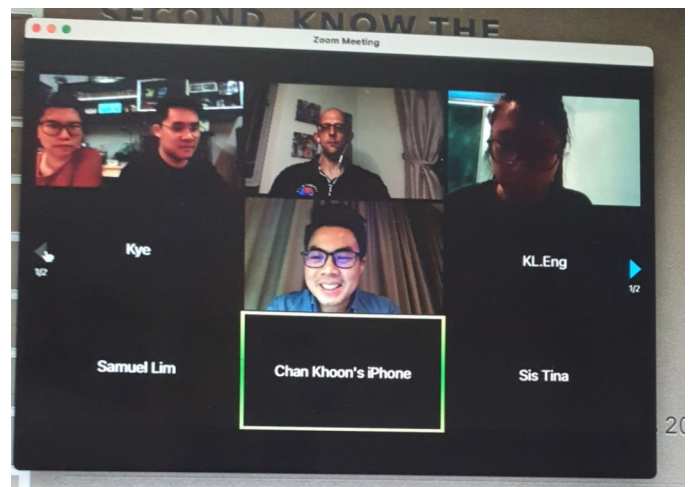
Nothing crazy to report about our March this year. Instead, we are thankful for things returning to normalcy here, we are thankful for your support and encouragement, and we are thankful for the continued blessings we enjoy from the hand of God.

While we have not been able to cross borders with ease and regularity as we had hoped, I was able to teach some Bible classes in Malaysia in March. On an invitation from the Kota Kemuning, I gave a two part "Skill Share" as part of their plan to grow the church in the Kuala Lumpur area. My assigned lesson was "Mission Mindedness: Developing a Heart and Passion for Evangelism." I want to thank Andy and Natalie for coordinating this and the wonderful word being done at Kota Kemuning. I spoke via Zoom on two Thursday nights for nearly 2 hours each session. The format was a combination of Bible lesson, group discussion, and much Q&A. Much of the material that I used in these lessons were based in the work that we did with the University congregation in San Marcos to prepare teams to do evangelistic work in Jamaica. Though this preparation was for an "event," those students quickly learned that the gospel is just as powerful in Texas as it is in Jamaica. It is our prayer that the brethren in KK, like the rest of us, will see the eternal value of each soul, cultivate a relationship with people, and share the simple gospel with them. They are a wonderful congregation with many young professionals who are busy about the church work, godly elders and deacons in leadership positions, and the desire to do what is right. It was good to be "with" them again.

I continue to teach each month on Sundays and Wednesdays, sharing our class with other teachers from Jurong. We are continuing our study of Acts each week. In March, I was asked to preach over the topic of marriage. This was a complement to our February edition of Tuesday Tips, Facebook videos to encourage and evangelize, which was over love and marriage. In March, Tuesday Tips considered pride and humility from Psalms and Proverbs. The live session showed a growing viewership and had great audience participation. You can check out these videos on the Jurong church of Christ Facebook page.

Our first year class has been studying the first century church through the book of Acts. The simplicity of New Testament Christianity, the inspired model of missionary work, and the amazing power of the gospel can be seen on every page of that great book!

We have word that brother Jamie Long is set to join us in April as a full-time, located instructor at FSC. He has been working toward this for years, and this is an answered prayer for many. But, his wife, Jessica, is working through complicated paperwork and cannot join him for a few weeks. Please keep them, their quarantines, and their red tape in your prayers as well.



We are still waiting word on when we can get foreign students into the country. Our hope for April is gone, so we are praying for August. If that does not work out, then the students who were admitted this year would be added to the incoming class in January 2022. Please keep the prospective students and future teachers/preachers/missionaries/workers in your prayers.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: BENJAMIN (BEN) KWAN

Ben, his wife Deborah (married 2018), and their young daughter Esther are members of the Lim Ah Pin (LAP) Road church of Christ here in Singapore. Ben and his family are from Singapore, and he has attended at LAP throughout his life. He is very active in the works and duties of the congregation serving in the preaching rotation and serving as the lead teacher of the young adult Bible classes there. In 2015 he and the local eldership began discussions about him taking on a full-time ministry role in the future. Finally, in 2019 Ben and Deborah made the commitment to work with the congregation full-time. The elders encouraged Ben to study at Four Seas College full-time in preparation for his ministry role. Ben is already a great Bible student, an excellent preacher and teacher, and a steady mentor to his classmates. Upon graduation Ben will work full time with the LAP congregation alongside Ernest Lau (FSC alumnus). This “dynamic duo” will serve the Lord by working with the church under the oversight of her good elders. We expect great things from Ben and his family!



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