

Kennedy Family

SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

May 1, 2021

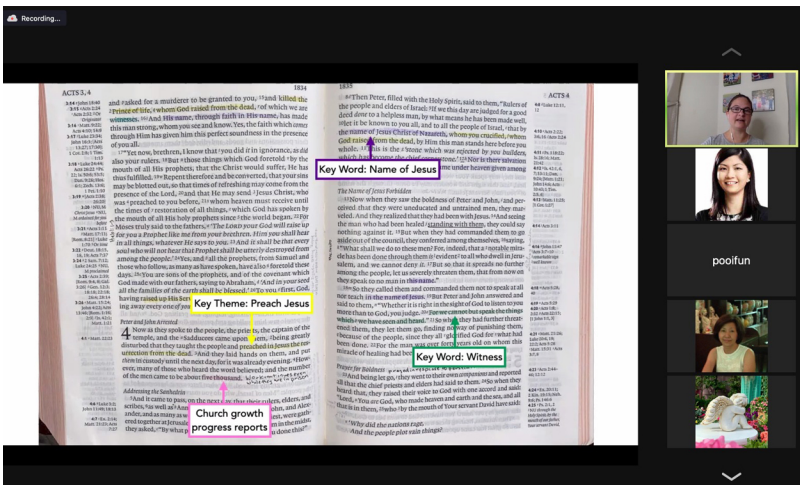
APRIL'S AFFAIRS

During April Lisa had the opportunity to present to ladies for two separate workshops. First, in a workshop organized by the Jurong church of Christ ladies, Lisa did a zoom Bible marking workshop which included a lesson over Bible marking techniques as well as a Bible marking topic centered around the theme of Christian encouragement. These Bible marking classes help each attendee gain Bible knowledge and get their hands involved in the labor of studying the Scriptures. Ladies from different congregations in Singapore as well as five different congregations in Malaysia attended virtually. Secondly, Lisa created a video lesson and accompanying materials for part of a three-month long "Bible Class Teachers Toolkit" workshop hosted by the Kota Kemuning church of Christ in Malaysia through Facebook. Lisa's topic was "Physical and Spiritual Milestones for Children." Her lesson involved considering how physical milestones of children affect the Bible classroom as well as identifying spiritual learning goals for children. It has and continues to be a beneficial study to Christian sisters all over Malaysia.

Among the most exciting things for us this month was the arrival of brother Jamie Long from Alabama. Jamie has been considering teaching full-time in Singapore for nearly 5 years. Almost two years ago he and his wife, Jessica, made the final decision to transition to Singapore for full-time work. Unfortunately, Covid, various issues in the US with doctors and families and such, and interactions with the government of the Philippines (where Jessica is from) held them up until this April. As of this writing, Jamie has made it into Singapore and begun teaching at FSC while Jessica had to come two weeks later and is still in quarantine. Lord willing, she will be out next week and join Jamie in looking for long-term accommodations near the Four Seas campus and Jurong church building. Jamie has been great company, encouragement, and example for me. We are certainly looking forward to being "fully staffed" at FSC and working with Jamie and Jessica.

April was the end of the first term, break week, and transition into the second term. This term, break week was spent working on the upcoming term, helping brother Jamie Long settle in, and hosting the FSC students at our home. Lisa and I joined Peter and Pooi Fun Chin in welcoming Jamie to the country with a dinner out near his temporary apartment. Later that week, I went with Jamie to the Ministry of Manpower so he could get his official work visa and begin working at FSC. We also used our time this month to take the children to the beach and a wetland reserve. The wetland reserve offered us the opportunity to homeschool our children by seeing various birds, mammals (like the long-tailed macaque that chased Lisa), fish, amphibians, and reptiles (including 3 crocodiles in the wild).

April offered the opportunity to hear Ullas Nair and Eddy Ee preach the gospel at Jurong. Both of these men have been in our constant prayers with health ailments. Brother Ullas has been recovering from serious eye problems, and brother Eddy was diagnosed with cancer but has been treated and is recovering nicely. Eddy Ee, one of the founding members of the Jurong congregation, still serves as one of the local ministers, an elder at Jurong, and the Dean of Students at FSC.



During the break week, we had the opportunity to have the students who live on campus over for lunch. We had to host the students over two days due to the continued COVID-19 restrictions here in Singapore limiting the number of household guests each day to eight people. We served chicken and dumplings, pulled pork, and chili with cornbread to allow the students to taste some of our favorites from the US. Rance and Ella cooked the chili and Lisa treated us to chicken and dumplings and pulled pork with sides and desserts. All of the students had second, thirds, fourths, and even fifths! The food and social fellowship were wonderful.



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