

SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

July 31, 2021

TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND FUTURE PLANS

This month marks our two year anniversary in Singapore. Much of our work has gone how we planned when we decided to relocate our family to Asia. Each and every day I am privileged to train men and women to be workers in the vineyard of our Lord. Our family is enjoying learning about and living in a foreign culture. Our children are exposed to kids from five or ten or more different nations every time they go to the playground. However, much of our planned work has been impossible because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We have not been able to have the regional impact on congregations outside of Singapore like we wanted. Never-the-less, we press on.

During the month of July I was blessed to preach for the Jurong church of Christ. The sermon was an exegesis of Romans 5:12-21. I continue to teach Sundays and Wednesdays covering the book of Acts, a class shared with other local men. The work of a weekly Facebook program, "Tuesday Tips," continued this month over the book of Ecclesiastes. Those lessons are archived on Jurong church of Christ's Facebook page if you want to see them. Lisa does a better job of updating our Singapore Six Facebook page where she tries to share those lessons weekly as well.

Four Seas classes are finishing up the second trimester, and the students will soon be looking at finals. Upon graduation, some of our students who are going into local work will need to raise outside funding. If you or your congregation are interested, please let me know. A few hundred dollars a month can go a long way in many of the home countries of these good brothers. We are also getting ready for the FSC Lectureship which will be 100% online as a webinar this year because of Covid-19 related travel restrictions. Lisa and I will be reading and editing manuscript and writing our own in preparation for this event. It is our hope that 2022 will provide an opportunity to return to normal. We currently have 6 prospective students who are in "holding patterns" as they wait on the Singapore government to allow them to enter the country. It is our prayer that they will be allowed in soon. Will you pray for this as well?

Covid restrictions have once again tightened here. There have been many clusters and 100+ cases for many days. One of the outbreaks was near the school where the students visit each day for lunch and dinner. They were all able to get free Covid tests as a measure to prevent further spread. While the food court where they shop is closed for a few weeks, we are thankful and happy to know that each student tested negative for Covid. This was a great relief for the students and school. Since I had not visited the location in the prior 14 days, I did not have to get tested.



FUTURE PLANS

When we were making preparations and raising funds to come to Singapore, we made an arrangement with our supporters (and families) that after two years we would make the decision whether to extend our commitment of three years or make plans to return to the US. After much prayer and discussion Lisa and I have decided that the best thing for our family at this time is to return to the US instead of extending our commitment. So, Lord willing, our family will move back to the US next summer.

Many factors have gone into making this decision at this time, and one of the big ones is the fallout and effects of Covid-19. This decision is not because of the local brethren who have been incredibly generous to us nor is it because of the local congregations who are sound in doctrine and are practicing good works, nor is it because of Four Seas College which continues to train preachers, teachers, personal workers, missionaries, and other Christians to take the gospel to Asia and the world. We are very thankful to the elders of the Jurong congregation and the president of FSC, Peter Chin, for their support and encouragement of our family.

We are so thankful for the support and encouragement we have received while we have been living and working in Singapore. We are asking our supporters to continue with us for our full three years here in Singapore. Therefore, we ask that individuals and congregations continue to support our family through July 2022. As always, it is our desire to be open and transparent in this regard. If you have any questions, please let us know. Or, feel free to reach out to the Roanoke, TX eldership who has overseen our funding since we began to make preparations to come to Singapore. It is our desire that this early decision will help families and congregations make the appropriate budget considerations for 2022 and beyond. If you are unable to continue supporting us, please let us know, so we can make the necessary arrangements.

We still have one year left here, and we plan to invest ourselves completely while we are here. We continue to solicit your prayers for the work, for our family, and for the upcoming transitions. We love and appreciate each of you!

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2ND HALF OF 2ND TERM (APRIL 26, 2021-AUGUST 6, 2021)

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
LIFE OF CHRIST II (LUKE)
PREACHER & HIS WORK II
ENGLISH GRAMMAR II

SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

1 & 2 THESSALONIANS, 1 & 2 TIMOTHY, TITUS
PREACHER & HIS WORK V
GENERAL EPISTLES
NEW TESTAMENT GREEK II

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