

# SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

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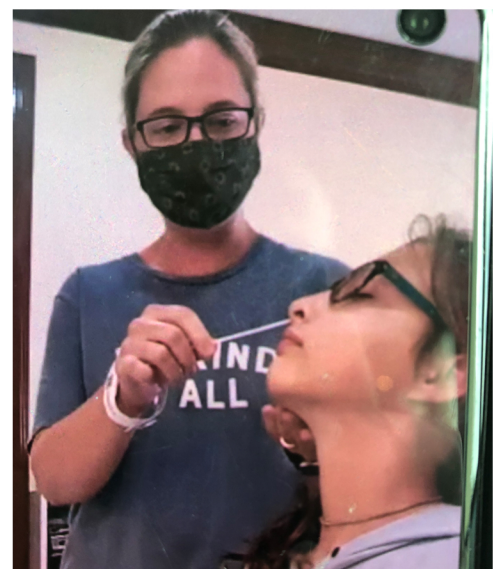
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## AUGUST UNDER QUARANTINE

The highlight for us in the month of August was our unexpected quarantine order. Covid-19 finally made its way to the halls of Four Seas College. Thankfully, the student body was only slightly affected with two students testing positive, exhibiting symptoms for a few days, and then testing negative. Since FSC operates in such close quarters, all the students, faculty, and staff were placed on official government quarantine orders. Most of us were sent to local hotels where we had to remain in isolation for two weeks. Just a few hours after I left the house, Lisa and the kids were also placed on a quarantine order to be served in our home. So, for fifteen days for me and fourteen days for the family, we were in isolation. Lisa and the kids had to self-test every day, order all meals, groceries, and supplies to be delivered, and remain in the house. I had to stay in the hotel room, only leaving once for a Covid test. It was a trying and stressful time, but we were able to make it through and complete our quarantines with negative Covid results for everyone. We are certainly thankful for that! The first week of quarantine was during our break week between terms.

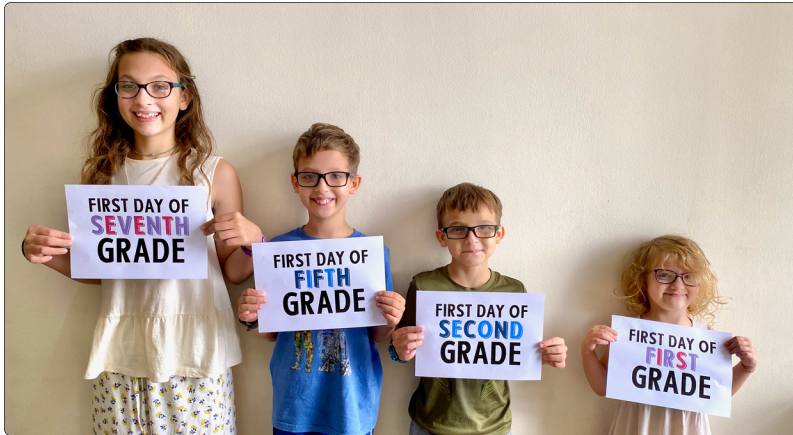
My weekly Facebook program, Tuesday Tips, was also disrupted during quarantine as Lisa and I were separated and unable to record it. However, I will resume Tuesday Tips on the last Tuesday in August with a live session with Jamie Long over a discussion of gaining wisdom from the book of Proverbs.

Since the whole student body and staff were in isolation, we began our third term of the year on Zoom, making use of the online platform to teach. Some students from overseas who have been approved to study at FSC but who are awaiting an entry slot into the country joined our first year classes as audit students. We returned to the classroom on August 23 to continue teaching in person. Now, our third and final term of the 2021 school year is in full swing. For the first set of courses, midterm exams will be next week! My third term schedule is always heavy with Daniel, Ezekiel, Revelation, Romans, and English Grammar. For the time being, the overseas students will continue to join in on Zoom in order that they will be more prepared for course work when Singapore approves their entry into the country. Some of these students have been waiting almost two years to come to school. Please keep them in your prayers that they might be granted entry into the country, have patience with the process, and keep their desire to study despite the difficulties they are currently facing.



Lisa began her rotation in the Bible school program with the Jurong congregation. She is teaching on Wednesday nights to a wide age group that includes Ella, Troy, and Luke (Ella being one of the oldest in class and Luke being one of the youngest). She will continue teaching weekly for the next few months. I am also teaching in the Bible class program, continuing our two year study of the book of Acts.

We had planned to get out and visit some of the parks during our break, but we were unable to do that do to quarantine. However, Lisa did take that time to start the school year with the children.



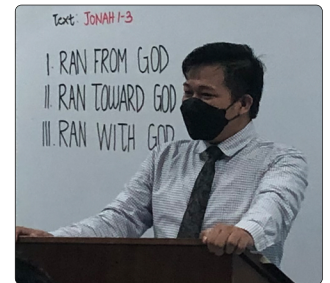
## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: PHILIP JASON CATABAY CRUZ

Jason is from the Alcala church of Christ in Pangasinan, Philippines. He came to Four Seas to be trained to be a gospel preacher. After he graduates, he plans to work with brother Joseph Ramos, his mentor who encouraged him to come to FSC. He will teach and preach in the local congregation and teach classes in the Northern Luzon Bible College (NLBC). In a few years, he hopes to help plant a new congregation nearer to his home town where no church currently exists.



## JOHN MICHAEL MILANIO ALCAYDE

JM came to us from the Paradise church of Christ in Pangasinan, Philippines. He came to FSC after going through a basic Bible program in the Philippines. His desire in studying in Singapore was "to learn more about God's Word so I can help my family members to know more about God." After graduation, JM will continue secular studies while working in a part-time capacity with the Quinaoayanan church of Christ in both preaching and teaching.



## CURRENT COURSEWORK AT FOUR SEAS COLLEGE

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

**1ST HALF OF 1ST TERM (AUGUST 16, 2021-NOVEMBER 19, 2021)**

### FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

HEBREWS HISTORY I  
HERMENEUTICS  
2 CORINTHIANS/JAMES  
ENGLISH GRAMMAR III

### SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

PREMILLENNIALISM  
EZEKIEL/DANIEL  
PREACHER & HIS WORK VI  
FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH

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