

SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

October 31, 2021

FINISHING THE THIRD TERM

The month of October began with the final exams for the Four Seas Students. Then, on October 4, we began the last half of the third term. This is the home stretch for our school year. For this half, I am teaching Revelation to the second year students and Romans to the first year students. As with every term, I continue to teach English Grammar. Our new prospective students from India and the Philippines have been able to join classes online. This month has brought great news that most of our prospective students have been admitted into Singapore. This is the answer to our prayers. And, if you have been heeding the prayer requests of our reports from month-to-month, then this is an answer to your prayers too! Praise God! We still have a few students who are seeking entry approval, but six have already been admitted. They will have quarantine expenses which they will not be able to pay. However, the Logan Martin church of Christ in Alabama has taken up a special contribution to help get our students through their quarantine without any out of pocket expenses to the students. We are so grateful for generous brethren like them...like you.

Now, we set our sights on the end of the year events. November will mark our graduation ceremony where 11 graduates from all over Asia and the world will complete their studies and be honored. Please pray for these men and women as they finish and begin their various works after FSC. The ceremony will be broadcast and archived on the FSC Facebook page. Then, after graduation we will have our annual lectureship. Unfortunately, the restrictions in Singapore make it almost impossible to have a in-person lectureship. So, we have decided to have a webinar over the topic of Evil, Pain, and Suffering. While these lessons are geared for the local audience in Southeast Asia, all are invited to "attend" the lectures. If you so desire, you can register ahead of time and receive a free pdf of this year's lectureship book.

On October 3, our family was blessed to visit the Eastside church of Christ here in Singapore. This church plant is just a few years old. While Covid restrictions have been an obstacle, this group continues to preach sound doctrine, to reach out to their neighbors on the east end of Singapore with the gospel, and to be rich in good works. I was asked to preach a special evangelistic/apologetic lesson on the origin of man and the theory of macroevolution. There were guests who visited the congregation for this special study and others to whom the lesson was distributed electronically. We pray good can come out of this endeavor. Each month the Eastside congregation aims a Sunday to reach out to neighbors, friends, and family who are not Christians and provide a lesson of study suited to various concerns and ideas they might have. Their preacher, Alvin Lim, and the members of the congregation are hard workers who have labored tirelessly through the pandemic to do the will of God.

49TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE

Class of 2021

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021 @ 3PM
JURONG CHURCH OF CHRIST AUDITORIUM

XAYSAVANH SODAHUK

RANCE P. PARKER

JOZEL GRANT A. AGUILAR

JOHN MICHAEL M. ALCAYDE

RACQUEL B. DABUAN

SURESH BABU SALLAPUDI

JILMER J. A. VILLANUEVA

KHAMSOUAY SISALATH

PHILIP JASON C. CRUZ

LIM HUI CHIN

Next month will be a busy month for our family. First, we have the end of year school obligations of final grades, graduation, and lectureship. But, we also will be moving out of our house. Our apartment sold this month and the new owner wants to occupy the unit. We were made aware of this possibility about two months ago, so it is not a big shock. It is, however, a change to our plans to stay in the same apartment until we finish our commitment and move back to the US in the summer of 2022. We are working on housing arrangements for 2022, but we would appreciate your prayers. So, add a move to the end of year business! Finally, we have our furlough trip to the US coming up at the end of November and through December. Our schedule filled up quickly, and we plan to see many of you. Those whom we are not able to see in person, please know that we love and appreciate you very much.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: JILMER JOEY ANDRADA VILLANUEVA

Jilmer is our youngest student at Four Seas, but he has shown the most personal growth during the past two years. His English is better. His Bible knowledge is vastly improved. His confidence in the truth of God's word and in himself has multiplied. And, Jilmer is a wonderful public speaker. He came to FSC from the Bayombong church of Christ, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines. Jilmer came to Singapore to improve himself and his own mind because his lifestyle had strayed from God. However, while here his growth and renewed commitment caused his desire to learn morph into a desire to teach others also. When Jilmer graduates, he will work as a part-time preacher for his home congregation while finishing his secular studies in civil engineering.



RANCE PARKER

Unlike his classmates, Rance did not come from Asia. Rance was a member of the University church of Christ, San Marcos, TX. There he was part of the McCarty Student Center and worked closely with me. He came to Four Seas to learn more about God and His Word and to experience the church in a different country and culture. He wanted to experience the church around the world and make life-long connections and friendships that would allow him to bring more awareness to congregations outside of the US. Rance and I closely worked together a number of times in foreign mission work before Rance joined us in Singapore. Rance has a heart for mission work, but his immediate plan is to work as a minister in the US. He hopes to continue to make trips to SE Asia to encourage the brethren and seek the lost. During his time at FSC, Rance met and became engaged to Chessa Boliboli from the Philippines. Their desire is to be married next year. These two will be a great couple in service to the Lord.



CURRENT COURSEWORK AT FOUR SEAS COLLEGE

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2ND HALF OF 1ST TERM (AUGUST 16, 2021-NOVEMBER 19, 2021)

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

EXODUS-DEUTERONOMY
ROMANS
PREACHER & HIS WORK III
ENGLISH GRAMMAR III

SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

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DENOMINATIONAL DOGMAS
HEBREWS & PHILEMON
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