

# *Kennedy Family*

## **SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE**

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November 29, 2021

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### **TERM ENDS AND TRAVEL BEGINS**

November is always a busy month because the school year at Four Seas College of Bible and Missions comes to an end. This means we have final exams, graduation practice, meals, graduation ceremony, and the annual lectureship. While this year was a bit different because of Covid, the month was still very full. The final exams were conducted in the classroom, but the proctors were based at home using the online Zoom platform. The graduation practice was very short and full of safe-distancing measures. The final, end-of-the-year meal with reminiscing and awards was enjoyed in person by the students but from a distance by the faculty and staff. The annual lectureship was conducted online via recorded lectures as a webinar. And, the graduation ceremony itself was limited to 50 attendees in groups of two separated by at least two meters. We were blessed to see some brethren from the US who used the Vaccinated Travel Lane to visit and work in Singapore. We are thankful for Jonathan Burns and Tim Burroughs for the work they did this month in Singapore!

Nevertheless, our twelve graduates were given their due honor and encouraged to begin the next step in their journey, in their ministry. Ben Kwan and Kelly Lim were awarded achievement scholarships. Ben Kwan and Rance Parker were recognized for graduating with honors. Rance Parker was selected to give the address on behalf of the graduating class. Brethren Jason Cruz (Philippines), Joshua Sisalath (Laos), Rance Parker (USA), Ben Kwan (Singapore), Suresh Sallapudi (India), and Xay Soduhac (Laos) were recognized for their desire to go into full-time supported church work. Jilmer Villeanueava (Philippines), JM Alcayde (Philippines), Grant Aguilar (Philippines), Kelly Lim (Malaysia), and Racquel Dabaun (Philippines) were recognized for their desire to work in various capacities with their local congregations while also pursuing secular work or education.

For any individuals or congregations looking for a missionary to support next year, I would be happy to discuss the good work that is planned by our graduates in India, Laos, and/or Timor Leste which could still use financial support.

November was also crazy because we moved out of our apartment in Singapore and traveled back to the United States. We left Singapore late Sunday night November 21, flew to California, and drove to Texas. We enjoyed two wonderful Thanksgivings with family. Since we were unable to travel back to the US last year and no one has been able to visit us in Singapore, it was great to spend this week with my family and Lisa's family.

We also began our tour of Texas to visit various supporting congregations. On Sunday, November 28 we visited the congregation that meets in Mabank, TX. This great group of faithful Christians have been and continue to be a wonderful source of support and encouragement to our family. The month of December will give us many more opportunities to visit with supporters, update them on our family and our work, and express our deep gratitude. Unfortunately, we are only able to visit congregations in Texas because we are limited by time and holiday schedules. Even though we are not able to visit all of our supporters in person, please know how much we appreciate each congregation and individual who supports and encourages our family while we labor to train ministers, missionaries, and servants in the kingdom of God.

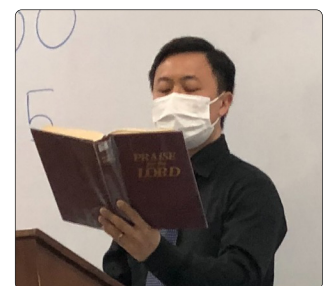


# 49TH ANNUAL FOUR SEAS COMMENCEMENT



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KELVIN CHEOK

This month we want to spotlight our first year student, Kelvin Cheok. Kelvin is a Singaporean and former teacher who desires to teach and preach full-time in the Lord's church. Kelvin regularly serves in the Jurong congregation as a Bible class teacher, coordinator for the Monday Motivation segments on Facebook, as well as one of the men in the preaching rotation. His plan and desire is to serve the Jurong congregation when he completes his studies. Kelvin and his wife, Shan Shan, have two beautiful children, Daniel and Hannah.



## FURLOUGH PREACHING SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 5 (AM) - GUADALUPE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST (NEW BRAUNFELS, TX)

DECEMBER 12 (AM) - NORTH MAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST (WEATHERFORD, TX)

DECEMBER 12 (PM) - BANGS CHURCH OF CHRIST (BANGS, TX)

DECEMBER 19 (AM) - NINTH AND MAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST (SAN ANGELO, TX)

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