

Kennedy Family

SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

February 1, 2022

RETURNING TO SINGAPORE

January started with our family still on furlough. During this time we chose to extend our planned stay in the US for two weeks. This allowed Lisa and I to travel on a flight from Houston instead of California. This was more convenient and less expensive. Also, we were able to spend those two more weeks with the children as we have decided at this time to leave them with family in the US. Because of various travel rules and Covid restrictions, we feel this difficult move is the best for our family at this time. We have been open about our situation and received great encouragement from supporters, family, and friends. This is not how we were planning to close out our time in Singapore, but it is what it is. We knew and know it will be a challenge for both parents and kids, but we think we have some good systems in place while we are away.

In order to make these arrangements, I began the term teaching online. I teach Monday-Friday each week. Currently, we do not have a second year class, but we hope to have one by the end of the year. This schedule change is due to the Covid restrictions forbidding new students from entering Singapore in late 2020 and early 2021. We spent January traveling and seeing family and spending time with the Southwest church of Christ in Austin, TX. During all these travels I taught Sunday night through Thursday night at 10 or 11 pm.

When we were finally able to travel back to Singapore, Lisa and I had to test negative for Covid in order to board the flight in the US. However, once we arrived in Singapore, we both tested positive for Covid and had to spend our first seven days in Singapore under an isolation order. Thankfully, we both had mild symptoms. I felt like I had the flu with aches and pains for about 24 hours while Lisa had a headache and sore throat for a few days. During this time the children also developed mild symptoms back in Texas. Thankfully, we are all recovered and Lisa and I were able to move out of the hotel about a week ago. For now, our short term housing solution is to move back into the school and use the "Elisha room" that FSC has for visiting missionaries. This allows us a very easy place to stay for a few weeks and to get to know the new students who moved to Singapore while we were away on furlough.

I am right back into the teaching rotation at Jurong. This year I will be teaching Romans I with fellow co-teachers. It will be a good and challenging study. I will be added to the preaching rotation each month beginning in February. The end of January and beginning of February this year marks the Lunar New Year. In Singapore, this very festive Chinese New Year season brings about closures of local businesses, reunion dinners with loved ones, great generosity and other festivities. We wish our Chinese brothers and sisters a Happy New Year.



STUDENT UPDATE

While he takes care of paperwork, Reymond Agullano from the Philippines has been attending classes online. Lord willing, he will be here sometime in February. We are thankful to have more of our students, Jean and Krupa, on the ground with us in Singapore. Another great addition to the class is Magdalene Goh from Singapore. This retired sister from the Jurong congregation decided to enroll full-time in the two year program in order to teach other ladies and children and to be a more active part in the evangelistic work of the local church. This will put our first year class at 10 total students (9 new students and one wrap-around). It is a joy to be able to teach classes in person!



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