

# SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

June 1, 2022

## OUR LAST FULL MONTH IN SINGAPORE

The month of May began as April ended with Lisa and the kids still in the US. Ella, Troy, Luke, and Annie were able to finish out their school year strong. It was a unique school year for them that began in August in Singapore but finished in Texas. In between, they were able to study the normal school subjects, take education trips in both Singapore and Texas, go through a time of grandparent-led homeschooling, and work through their curriculum with their mother who was 10,000 miles away. There have been days of sadness and frustration, but most days are really great as they work hard, encourage each other, and respectfully listen to their teachers. We love them and are very proud of them.

After Lisa finished homeschooling the children for this school year and taking care of many arrangements for our move back, she returned to Singapore in order to help me pack up and close out our lives here. As I write this, she is still recovering from jet lag, and she will have to get back on a plane soon and head to Texas. Lord willing, when we finish out our half-term and my teaching responsibilities at Four Seas, Lisa and I will fly back to the US. Thank you so much for your prayers and support during this time.

The same week Lisa returned from the US, Peter and Pooi Fun Chin returned from Malaysia. After more than a month of just me and the student body, we are back to a full house again at Four Seas College. Well, we are nearly back to a full house again as we await the return of Jamie Long from Alabama who is recovering from surgery and raising some final funds in order to get back to work in Singapore. Please keep Jamie and his wife, Jessica, in your prayers as well. This term is full of classes as I teach either Luke or English every day of the week. We have great news within our student body as another brother from India, Kishore Kumar, who was accepted to FSC earlier this year, has been approved to enter the country and study as of this week. Over the past few days, Lisa and I have given great attention to getting our things packed up for the move. The biggest task will be transporting my library books from Singapore back to the US. I am very thankful for the great help that I have had in getting this project started. More hands do make for a lighter work.



In addition to Four Seas College, my work with the Jurong congregation continues as I have the blessing of teaching the book of Romans to the congregation on a weekly basis. I will be handing these teaching duties over to very capable teachers in the local congregation. I have been privileged to preach each month this year, and I preached over a requested topic during the month of May. As a follow-up to my sermon in April over the Bible's teaching about alcohol, some members of the congregation approached me and asked if I could deal with more of the questions that often come up about this topic. We had a good, difficult, deep study; and I think we are all more encouraged after studying these Scriptures and applications together. Both sermons should be available on the Jurong website or social media platforms. The church here has spent much of the last few months building and updating these online platforms. If you are able, check them out.

The loosening of the Covid restrictions in Singapore has allowed me to spend much more time with the hospitable brethren here. One of our deacons took me from our location on the west side of the island all the way to the north east corner in order to see the sight of the original Four Seas College that was built in the 1960s. Though the buildings no longer exist, it was a great opportunity and education. Once Lisa arrived back, the same family wanted to take us back so she could also see the area. Of course, it seems that every outing with our generous brethren here is accompanied by too much food. Having been so tightly restricted to groups of 2 or 5 or occasionally 8, we are making the most of our final weeks here to spend time catching up.



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