

SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

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LEAVING THE MISSION FIELD IN SINGAPORE

Our last month in Singapore was a very busy time of preparing to transition back to the United States. Along with the regular activities, we had to prepare and ship our things to the US. While we did not accumulate any furniture, we did have to ship back 600 pounds or so of books from my library and a few miscellaneous things. The brethren in Singapore treated us much better than we deserved as we left the country. We were treated to many breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. And of course, we had a large group see us off from the airport. Their support, generosity, and encouragement was incredible. We cannot say enough good things about the church in Singapore, the work of FSC, and the many good brethren that we have met in SE Asia. If you are interested in the work in Singapore, I would love to put you in contact with the local brethren.

This month had the regular duties of preaching for the Jurong congregation and teaching in the Bible class program. I finished up all of my classes at Four Seas and handed over my administrative duties. Along with these activities, I taught a parenting workshop in conjunction with the local Holiday (Vacation) Bible School. We had some great participation from our neighbors in the community. The local brethren are looking to set up personal studies with these visitors.

On our last weekend in Singapore, a group from the US arrived to conduct some classes and workshops for the local churches and the College. Billy Bland preached our last Sunday. It was a blessing to see him and visit with the other American brethren whom we had not seen since pre-Covid days. Among those visitors was Tim Burroughs. Tim was instrumental in encouraging our family to move to Singapore. We are so grateful for his friendship and encouragement.

We arrived back in the US this month having finished our three-year commitment to the work in Singapore. We would have liked to stay a few more weeks in order to make the transition process less hectic. However, since our children were in the US, Lisa and I felt that was necessary to be reunited with them as soon as possible. Thank you to each and every person who has prayed for our family during this difficult time. We truly appreciate the kind and supportive words and messages we received. While it was a difficult time for our family, we were able to get through it with the support of family and church family. Lisa and I know how blessed we are. It is our desire that our children also see the great blessing of the church and of our families in helping us during this time. There have been lots of hugs and squeezes and headlocks since we've been back together with Ella, Troy, Luke, and Annie.



SUPPORT UPDATE

Thank you to each and every person who financially supported us while we worked in SE Asia. We could not have done this without the generosity of faithful brethren like you. To know that you care so much about the work of saving souls across the world is powerful; you are to be commended. Your generosity has made it possible for us to have enough funds to be supported for three years in the mission field and to have some funds remaining. Our desire is to take those funds and use them in future overseas mission works as our family is able to travel and teach. Thankfully, the Southwest congregation in Austin where I will be working is amenable to the idea of us continuing to do short-term foreign mission work as our schedule allows.

For those individuals and congregations that support us on a continual basis by sending funds to the Roanoke congregation, we ask that you stop sending those funds this month. However, if your budget allows for you to continue to support some good works, I would like to recommend a few. As I will be transitioning to work with the Southwest School of Bible School (www.swsbs.edu), the work of training preachers, teachers, missionaries, evangelists, and church workers will continue. If you would like to continue supporting our family in the training, you can send funds to the Southwest church of Christ in Austin, TX (www.swcofc.org).

However, if you are desirous of using these funds to support foreign works, we understand. I can recommend supporting the work of Four Seas College (FSC) by supporting Jamie Long who is working with FSC in Singapore. He is still a little short of his fundraising goal. His finances are overseen by the Logan Martin congregation in Alabama (www.lmcoc.com). Finally, the possibility of supporting local preachers in SE Asia who have graduated from FSC is also possible. If you would like more information about any of these opportunities, please reach out to me.



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