

SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

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While thinking back over the past year and the coming of the new, I am reminded of this passage of the Scripture, “Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth” (Psa. 115:15). As January 2023 has come to a conclusion, we realize just how blessed we are. There are many things for which we are thankful. We are thankful for the opportunity to be able to return and resume teaching onsite at Four Seas College of Bible and missions. We are thankful to have had time to spend with our family, brethren, and friends in the US during the month of December. Most especially, we are thankful to our heavenly Father from whom all blessings flow.



The new school year for FSC began on January 3, yet our arrival in Singapore was not until January 4. This year brings back a sense of “normality” as we convene with first-year and second-year classes. Jerven Lucio (left) and Jessa May Gavina (right) both from the Philippines, and Dat Nguyen (middle) from Vietnam, are among the new students in the first year who are now on the campus. We expect four more students to come soon once passports, student passes, and other documentation are met.

We also welcome brother Jerusalem Bacante (2017 graduate) as one of the instructors who is teaching the English course. He also delivered a wonderful and motivating lesson in one of our chapel services as he presented lessons he had learned while he was a student at FSC.

Brother Ernest Lau, a 2016 graduate of FSC was also with us in chapel this past month and delivered a great lesson on the subject of “A Victorious 2023”. Ernest is one of the preachers for the Lim Ah Pin Road congregation here in Singapore.

Another FSC graduate, brother Alvin Lin (2013 graduate), was also one of our guest speakers at the chapel this month. He is also doing a wonderful job working as a full-time preacher with the East Side congregation here in Singapore.



Jerusalem



Ernest



Alvin

As always, it is a blessing to be back with our brethren at the Jurong congregation. On January 1, brother Eddy Ee preached during the worship service. Brother Ee is an instructor and the Dean of Students at FSC. He has served the congregation at Jurong in many ways through many years as the preacher and also as one of the elders. On January 8, brother Kelvin Cheok preached. Kelvin is currently a second-year student at FSC who will become the preacher at Jurong upon his graduation. More about Kelvin is included below in this month's "Student Spotlight." Brother Jerusalem preached at Jurong on the 15th and then I spoke on the 22nd on the subject of "The Blessings of Evangelism."

On January 22, the Lunar New Year began. This is also referred to as the "Chinese New Year." While Jessica had the opportunity to experience this when she was a student here, it was a new experience for me. We were able to truly experience this culture in a way that allowed us to learn a lot of new things. Below are some photos of our Chinese New Year visitations (after the worship service on January 29) to four different families which were organized by the young people at Jurong.

We concluded this month at FSC with Mid Term tests on January 30 and 31.



Visit at the Ee's



Visit at the Young's



Visit at the Quek's



Visit at the Cheong's

CURRENT COURSEWORK AT THE FOUR SEAS COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND MISSIONS

1ST HALF OF FIRST TERM (JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 24, 2023)

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

BIBLE GEOGRAPHY

ENGLISH GRAMMAR I

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

THE PREACHER & HIS WORK I

SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS

NEW TESTAMENT GREEK II

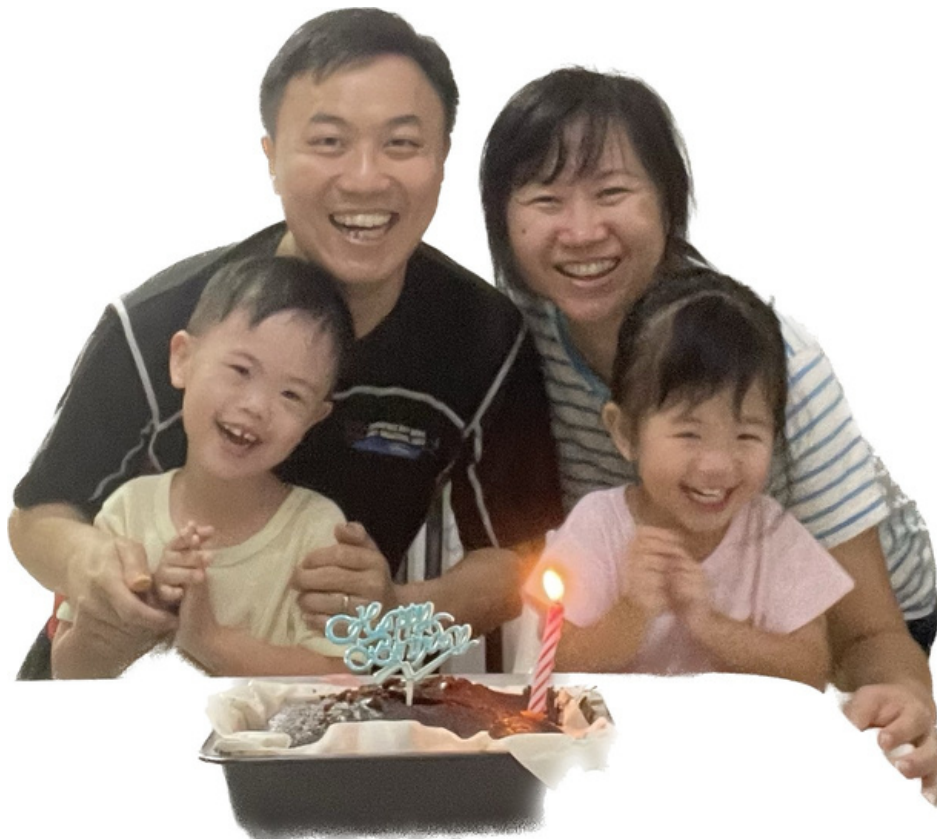
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ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, LAMENTATIONS

GENERAL BIBLICAL INTRODUCTION

GRADUATES CORNER: KELVIN CHEOK

Kelvin was baptized on April 26, 1995. He is the only Singaporean student currently studying at FSC. He is married to the former Shan Shan Lim and together, they have two children, Daniel and Hannah. He is a member of the Jurong church of Christ (JCOC) whose eldership oversees the work of the Four Seas College of Bible and Missions. He had served in different capacities in JCOC before coming to FSC in the areas of teaching Bible classes and helping with the Restoration Committee. He will soon be the preacher for this congregation after he graduates which is why he went to FSC to be in a better position for his upcoming full-time work. When asked what he likes about his experience in FSC so far, he said he actually likes the chapel critiques because they help him improve himself and see things from another perspective. His most interesting experience so far was taking the Genesis final test where he was asked to write two things from each chapter which helped him have a better overview of the book. He said FSC has helped him do his best as a student of God's Word.



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