

SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

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April-May 2023

We are thankful for God's amazing providence in helping us complete our two-year term at Four Seas College of Bible and Missions in Singapore and bringing us back to the United States on May 10, 2023. We have been inspired tremendously these past two years to see God's mighty power work through His word by teaching and preaching the gospel. We would like to thank all those who have supported us financially and prayerfully during this time both individually and as a congregation. This will be our last newsletter concerning this particular work but we do plan on making short trips for mission work in the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia and of course Singapore in the future, Lord willing, so there will be newsletters from us from time to time.



I continue to teach online while I'm home based. I deeply appreciate the congregations who have expressed their desire to continue to support Jessica and me in this effort.

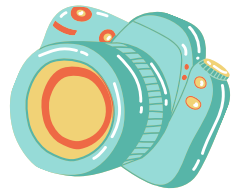


The month of April was very busy as we began to prepare for our return home. With brother Chin still in the States, I was called upon to critique the chapel sermons daily. Our students are required to preach in the chapel on a rotation so as to help them gain experience in delivering their sermons while being critiqued by an instructor.

Jessica and I had the privilege and opportunity to travel to Bacolod City in the Philippines to be part of the Western Visayas Bible Lectureship on April 5 to 9 hosted this year by the Villa Celia church of Christ. This is a very evangelistic-minded congregation that includes four previous graduates from Four Seas College (FSC) who are all siblings (3 brothers and a sister). Two more brothers are currently attending FSC. The overall theme of the lectureship was "Challenges Facing the Church." Jessica taught ages 9-12 about Lot being in bad company, focusing on making good choices in choosing friends, and she also had a ladies' class Sunday after the lectureship. I spoke about Anti-ism. The lectureship was well attended with a record-setting 334 participants. The following Sunday, I spoke during the morning worship on the subject of "Why Christian Growth is Important."



Western Visayas Lectureship (April 5-9)



On April 13 and 14, the students had their final exams for the second half of the first term at FSC. On April 16, I was once again allowed the opportunity to preach at the Jurong congregation. My assigned subject this time was, "The Importance of Learning from History." The elders at the Jurong congregation had the vision this year to devise a series of sermons to be preached which would be designed with the objective to edify the members of the body of Christ to become more involved in the work of the church. This lesson concentrated on the historical example the church can learn from Israel using 1 Corinthians 10:1-13.

After which was the 1st term break on April 17 to 21. The students spent time out of the classroom cleaning the school facilities and enjoying some of the sights of Singapore. On April 21, Jessica and I, along with another instructor, Jerusalem, with his wife Rhea, had an outing with the students. The day began with an MRT ride to the Changi airport where we enjoyed the largest manmade indoor waterfall in the world, the Jewel. This was followed by a bicycle ride from East Coast Park to the Marina Bay area. We ended the day with a Satay (Singapore grilled meat skewers) and chicken wings dinner.

On April 23 we had the opportunity to attend worship with the Lim Ah Pin congregation. Afterward, we enjoyed a wonderful meal with brother Benjamin (2021 FSC graduate), his wife Deborah, and daughter Esther.



On April 27, I preached my final chapel sermon at Four Seas College. On April 30 and May 3, I taught my final classes at the Jurong congregation from Romans 15.

On May 2, we welcomed brother and sister Chin back from their 6-week visit to the States. It was wonderful to have them back.

On May 7, I preached my final sermon at the Jurong church of Christ on the subject of "Types of Benevolent Work." This was a bitter-sweet day which was followed by a farewell lunch for Jessica and me. We truly love all the brethren at Jurong who not only became our spiritual family these past two years but also our extended physical family. We thank them for their support both spiritually and physically.



On May 5, we were overjoyed with the farewell dinner that the students and faculty had prepared for us. The elders of the Jurong congregation (the overseeing congregation of Four Seas College) and their wives also honored us with their presence. We were deeply encouraged by these brethren's farewell wishes and messages.



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On the evening of May 8, we made our way to the airport at approximately 9:00 P.M. We thank brother Earnest Lau and his wife Stephanie (also the Lim Ah Pin congregation) for picking us up with the church van and also those who went to the airport to bid us farewell.

Jessica and I would like to extend a special note of gratitude to brother and sister Chin. We appreciate their untiring labor of love and work of faith as they continue to work with FSC. They have been a source of strength for us and we will truly miss working with them. We pray that God will continue to bless them in their work together for the Lord at Four Seas College of Bible and Missions.

Also, to all the students, we appreciate their desire in coming to FSC to study God's word. Jessica and I look forward to not only seeing them again but also their life after graduation as they serve the Lord.

CURRENT COURSEWORK AT THE FOUR SEAS COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND MISSIONS

1ST HALF OF 2ND TERM (APRIL 24 - JUNE 9, 2023)

FIRST-YEAR CLASS

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CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES

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SECOND-YEAR CLASS

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: JUDIE ANNE LIM & GADDIEL PUZON



Judie Anne Lim is 25 years old. She was baptized on January 12, 2020. Her home congregation is the Compostela church of Christ located in the Municipality of Compostela in the province of Cebu, Philippines. Judie is one of the students who have excelled academically. In sharing how FSC has helped her so far, she said the school helped her become self-aware. By taking advantage of the opportunities provided by the school, she was able to gain a deeper understanding of herself and her faith, which will greatly help her navigate through life in the future. Lord willing, she will graduate this coming November. One of the things we will never forget about her is the farewell video of our memories and the messages of each student that she wonderfully put together for us.



Gaddiel Puzon is another female student from the Cebu area. She is also 25 years old. She was baptized on October 14, 2010. Her home congregation is the Uptown church of Christ which is located less than 20 miles south of where Judie lives. Driven by

her sincere desire to change as an individual and especially as a servant of God, Gaddiel decided to come to FSC. She is an excellent student. She acknowledges that more than a student, she is a Christian who needs to improve constantly. She appreciates the instructors' help for her to be better. She said that aside from acquiring Biblical knowledge, FSC has also helped her develop mindfulness and intentionality in translating her understanding of the Scriptures into her daily living. She is a teacher by profession and plans to go back to secular work after graduating and use what she learned in reaching out to the people around her.



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