

SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

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November & December 2022



Jessica and I are very thankful to our heavenly Father and each of you for your faithful support. God's grace has been extended to us through all of you who continue to support Long Missions (<https://longmissions.wordpress.com>) as we work together for the Lord at Four Seas College of Bible and Missions in Singapore. As always, the prayers bring the most remarkable results to all aspects of His Work here. So we ask, please, keep up your present prayers and do more of them.

Financially speaking we are currently facing a great dilemma. We have actually been working and living in Singapore under our original budget, but because of the need for a full-time instructor, we went ahead and went back anyway. As the situation is here in the states (and throughout the world) the cost of living has greatly increased in Singapore. Further, the Singapore government has mandated new stipulations for Work Pass holders like me. The standard salary one must make as a Work Pass holder has increased which means we can no longer live in Singapore if we do not meet it. This standard is about what our budget needs to be anyway. Also, as mentioned in last month's mission report, I had an unfortunate and untimely stay in the hospital because of a viral infection. I am not able to be insured internationally because of my pre-existing condition so I have a hospital bill. We would appreciate any help you can extend to pay my hospital bill. We truly appreciate our overseeing elders at the Logan Martin church of Christ. They are doing everything they can to help us remain in Singapore.

We love the work at FSC and greatly desire to continue but we will not be able to if we cannot raise the needed support. Therefore, we sincerely desire your prayers as we work continually to meet our budget. As you will see in this month's newsletter, Four Seas College is having a great impact throughout many countries in Asia as a result of its graduates carrying the gospel and bringing many souls to Christ. We will begin the year 2023 with a second-year class set to graduate in November and we will have at least seven in the first-year class from different parts of Asia including Myanmar, Viet Nam, and the Philippines.

This report will cover the month of November but there will be no report for December as we are currently in the United States visiting our supporting congregations and trying to raise our needed support. I will also need to be here for my scheduled doctor's visit and scans at UAB.

On to November's report:

The Eastside church of Christ in Singapore has a monthly evangelistic work called "Friendship Sunday." This is conducted on the first Sunday of each month and this year's theme is: "What If...?" My assigned subject was "What If Humans Came From Apes?" On November 6 in this lesson we considered: Is evolution scientifically true? Do the laws of science support the theory that humans evolved from apes? And, If the evidence doesn't support atheistic evolution, why do



so many believe in it? We appreciate the Eastside congregation and their stand for the truth. We really enjoyed our time with them and especially are thankful to their faithful preacher, brother Alvin Lin, for the opportunity he has given me to speak.



Last day of school



Finals

From November 18 to 22, work began to prepare for the upcoming Four Seas College Lectureship. Of course, work began many months earlier but now it was time to get everything ready.

On November 16, I had the opportunity to teach the Wednesday night Bible class at the Jurong congregation. Since the FSC Lectureship and the gospel meetings would begin the following week we studied the text "As we therefore have the opportunity" (Galatians 6:9-10) to encourage us to be motivated to invite others to come and be with us. That day was also our last day of school for the school year 2022.

On November 17 & 18 we had our final exams for the year 2022. On the evening of November 18, we officially concluded the school year with the term-end fellowship with the students. I was asked to address the students on the subject of being thankful as we have come to the end of the year. We should always be reminded to give thanks to those who support us in this great work at Four Seas, but most of all to our heavenly Father from whom all blessings flow (Ephesians 1:3).



Term End Gathering

22 Lectures • Q & A Forum • Special classes for Men & Women

14th ANNUAL FOUR SEAS LECTURESHIP

"Go ye therefore..."

Date
Nov. 23-26, 2022 (Wednesday - Saturday)

Daily Chapel (3rd floor) | Daily Lectures (2nd floor)
8.15am - 8.45am | 9.00am - 3.15pm

Venue:
120, Boon Lay Drive, S 649924

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The 14th Annual Four Seas College Lectureship began Wednesday, November 23, and concluded on November 26 at the Jurong church of Christ building and was a wonderful success. This lectureship provided a wonderful opportunity for Four Seas College to showcase its work in the training of men and women to teach others the glorious gospel of Christ throughout Asia. The aim of this year's theme, "GO YE THEREFORE..." is to help churches in the region resume the pace of evangelism which has somewhat slowed down in the last two years because of the pandemic. It is acknowledged that in spite of the lockdowns, safe-distancing measures, masking, and other regulations restricting interpersonal activities, some churches have a fair measure of success in teaching and baptizing people. However, most churches need the impetus and reminder to continue this work of the Great Commission. Lessons on the why, who, what, when, where, and how of evangelism were presented by twenty-two speakers from various nations including Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, and the United States. One of the most rewarding takes from the lectureship is to see all the graduates returning and hearing about their work in spreading the gospel and the souls that have been saved as a result.



Lectureship Speakers



FSC Faculty, staff, students, and some online instructors

During the lectureship, four male students preached for the daily chapel devotion at 8:15 AM as part of their practical training for full-time ministry.



14TH ANNUAL FOUR SEAS LECTURESHIP

Chapel Devotion @ 8.15am (Nov. 23 – 26)
3rd floor, Lecture Hall, Four Seas College



Diolo Medez
(Philippines)



Chris Polo
(Philippines)



Jean Dayucos
(Philippines)



Kelvin Cheok
(Singapore)

Nov. 23 (Wed)

Nov. 24 (Thurs)

Nov. 25 (Fri)

Nov. 26 (Sat)

BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES

WORK FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING

SINNERS JESUS WILL RECEIVE

WILL YOU NOT TELL IT TODAY?

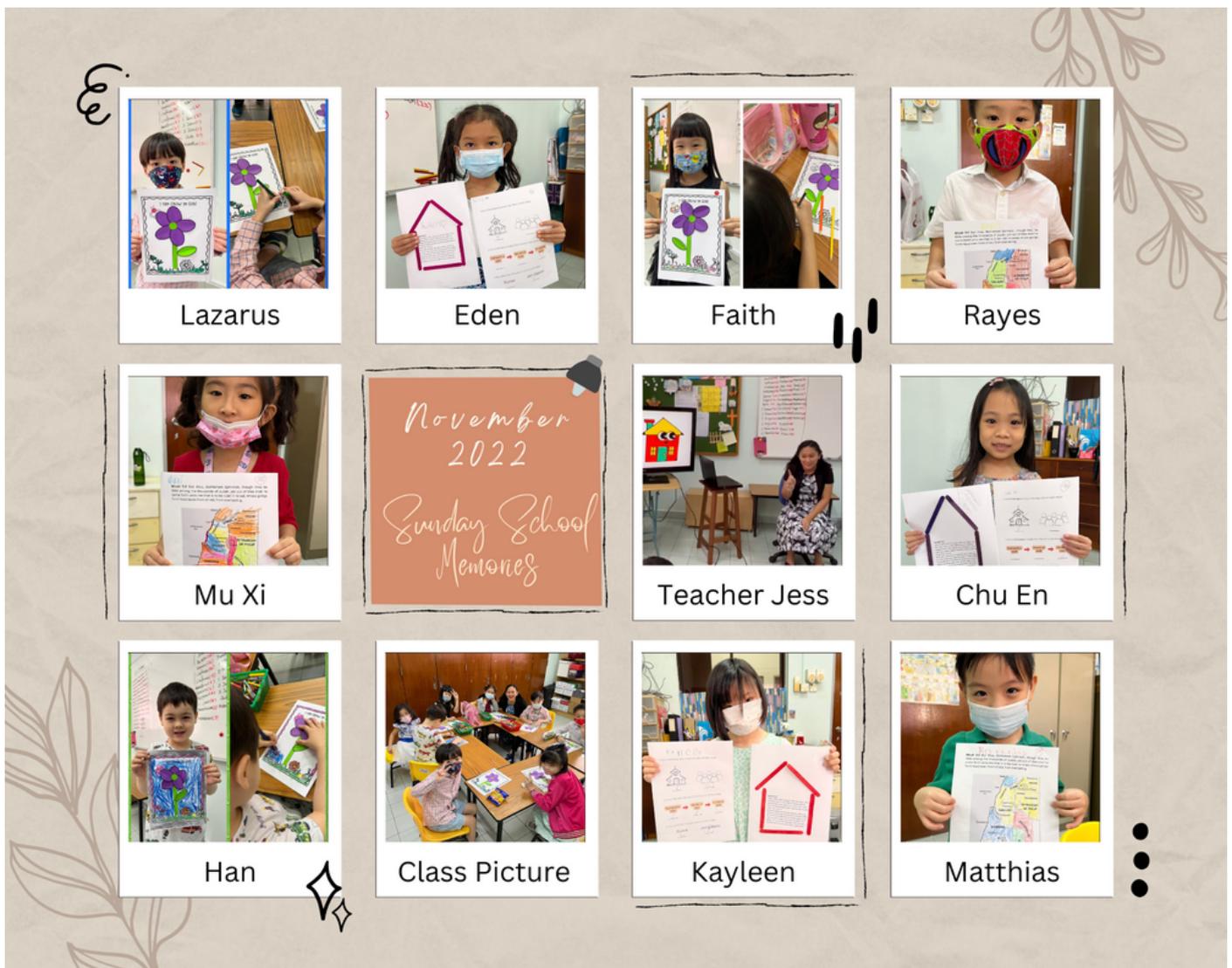
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Jessica was the Sunday School teacher for the month of November for the kinder class at Jurong congregation. She also emceed for two days at the ladies' classes during the lectureship.



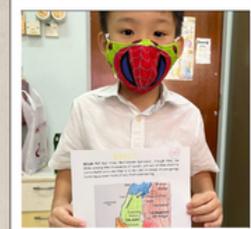
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Eden



Faith



Rayes



Mu Xi



Teacher Jess



Chu En



Han



Class Picture



Kayleen



Matthias

As always, we thank all of our supporters both individually and as a congregation. Please keep us in your prayers as we labor with you for the Lord in Asia.

GRADUATES CORNER

This report's graduates' corner features those who attended and participated in the 14th Annual Four Seas Lectureship. This year's lectureship is not only special because of the two-year COVID-19 hiatus but also because many of our graduates came and took part in it. It was very encouraging and edifying to hear them speak and give reports of the work they are doing in their local communities.



Huynh Hong Hai (from Vietnam) spoke on the topic "Peter: An Example of Evangelism." After graduating from FSC in 2012, Hai started his full-time ministry work with the Can Tho congregation. He is currently working together with his brother, Hiep, who also graduated from FSC (2014) for the same congregation. Hai has been serving the Can Tho congregation for the past 10 years.



Alvin Lin (from Singapore) spoke on the topic "Getting Started On The right Path." He started working with the Lim Ah Pin church of Christ as a church administrator in 2010 before becoming a full-time preacher with the congregation in 2015. While serving with the church, he attended classes as a part-time student at FSC and graduated in 2013. He is currently serving as a preacher with Eastside church of Christ since its inception in 2019.



Ernest Lau (from Singapore) spoke on the topic "In Season Out of Season." He is married to the former Stephanie Tolentino (also an FSC graduate) and they have two children together: Theophilus and Ruth Gabrielle. He graduated from FSC in 2016. He has been working with the Lim Ah Pin Road church of Christ as a full-time preacher. Outside of Singapore, Ernest has been involved in preaching and/or short-term mission work in Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Palau.



Stephanie Tolentino Lau (from the Philippines, now based in Singapore) spoke on the topic "Lois and Eunice: An Example of Evangelizing in the Home." She is married to Ernest Lau. She also graduated from FSC in 2016. In 2017, under the supervision of Skudai church of Christ, she worked as a Junior Bible Class Coordinator and traveled in various parts of the Philippines to train ladies to teach children's classes. In addition to her home duties as a full-time mother of two, she currently serves in teaching ladies' and children's classes in Lim Ah Pin congregation.



Nove Aguilar (from the Philippines) spoke on the topic "Paul: An Example of Evangelism." He graduated from Four Seas College of Bible and Missions in 2020. He began full-time work with the Bontoc church of Christ in Southern Leyte, Philippines since January 2021. He is married to the former Margie Berdijo who is also a graduate of FSC (2016). Working as a team, they have done tremendous impact to the growth of the church in Bontoc.



Tammy Gani gave a mission report of his work in Sabal Kruin, Sarawak East Malaysia. He graduated from FSC in 2017. Since then, he began his full-time work in Sabal Kruin as a preacher. His efforts has not only edified the brethren in his area but also produced a total of 57 baptisms so far.



Rolly Parada gave a mission report of his work in Calinog, Iloilo, Philippines. He is a 2020 graduate of FSC. He continues his labor of love in the work of the Lord not only through preaching the gospel but also through personal evangelism, teaching Bible classes, and one on one studies which have resulted in many becoming obedient to the gospel.

Thank you to all our generous supporters (1 Cor. 15:58)